

upper left and washed out bridges to cut off town of about 800. Water system broke down and most of town was without electricity.—(AP)

White Christmas Across Canada

Snow Likely Won't Go

By CANADIAN PRESS

Prospects for a white Christmas and snow-covered surfaces for Santa's sleigh are increasing in most parts of Canada with southern portions of Ontario and Quebec likely to be the main exceptions.

The weather office says the heavy snowfall that has covered much of the West Coast, Prairie provinces and Northern Ontario and Quebec should remain until Dec. 25.

But the most southern Ontario and Montreal district can count on is a few snowflurries, or possibly just drizzle.

LAST-MINUTE GIFTS

While many Canadians are still bustling about in an attempt to pick up those last-minute Christmas gifts and making preparations for holiday parties, special police squads are running safety checks and general crack-downs on motorists in an attempt to deter reckless or drunken driving during the festive season.

The Canadian Highway Safety Council has predicted that 76 persons will be killed in traffic accidents in Canada during the Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends.

The toll for the 84-hour Christmas weekend, from noon Thursday to midnight Sunday, may reach 50, the council says. Last year 22 persons were killed in a 30-hour Christmas holiday period.

SNOW EXPECTED

A disturbance moving in from the Pacific Ocean over Washington state is expected to bring colder weather to northern Michigan early today and colder weather and possibly snow to central Ontario tonight or Friday.

A storm in eastern Quebec dumped 10 inches of snow on Quebec City Wednesday and four more were expected later. One man was killed in a traffic accident during the storm and driving conditions were generally bad.

Although it is unlikely there will be fresh snow Christmas Day, weather offices in all four Atlantic provinces expect the existing snow will remain despite a forecast of light rain in some areas. Last year Halifax had more than six inches of snow Christmas day.

There was no sign of relief from the current cold spell in the Prairies that brought additional snowfalls averaging four inches to the southern regions of Alberta and Saskatchewan Tuesday night and Wednesday. Temperatures have been mainly below zero and brisk winds causing drifting in most areas have been forecast.

Change of Heart

SANDY SPRINGS, Md. (AP) — A package which arrived at the First National Bank of Sandy Springs contained about \$19,000 of the \$20,746 taken from a branch bank by a holdup man Dec. 15.

New 'Parents'

Rare Gift Ready For 13 Children

EDMONTON (CP) — Christmas is bringing an unusual gift for 13 children, some of them handicapped or retarded, being cared for by a 46-year-old Edmonton woman.

The youngsters, of various nationalities, will get 450 new "parents" — the students at Sherbrooke Elementary and Junior High School.

The students plan to "adopt"

Saskair Put Up For Sale

REGINA (CP) — Saskair, the Saskatchewan government-owned airline in service for the last 17 years Wednesday went up for sale for about \$1,000,000 on the condition that certain services now being supplied by Saskair are maintained.

Decision to negotiate for the sale of the airline, which operates 17 aircraft, was announced at a press conference Wednesday morning by mineral resources minister A. C. Cameron, minister in charge of the crown corporation.

"It could be sold within two weeks, if we get the conditions we insist upon," Mr. Cameron said.

The sale decision came after a three-month survey by Unica Research Corporation of Toronto, which bluntly stated Saskair had reached the peak of its development and would suffer continuing losses in the future in the face of stiff competition from private firms.

Saskair has operated at a deficit for much of its history.

Snowfall began to taper off in Manitoba as well as the other Prairie provinces with overnight clearing and mainly sunny weather expected in the Yorkton, Sask., and Brandon, Man., areas.

Adverse weather could mean added confusion to an already pressed transportation situation in most larger centres.

Air Canada announced it has added 186 flights to its regular schedule to handle the extra

traffic during the Christmas and New Year period.

Major railway and bus companies have also announced special arrangements to accommodate the usual flood of passengers.



Foraging For Food

Frantically moving in from the Pacific Ocean over Washington state is expected to bring colder weather to northern Michigan early today and colder weather and possibly snow to central Ontario tonight or Friday.

Device Kills Car Exhaust

OTTAWA (CP) — The National Research Council has made public a formerly secret report on a design study of a device which would let motor vehicles operate in the Arctic without being engulfed by a fog created by their exhaust fumes.

Development of the device would provide a method to suppress or destroy exhaust fumes before they hit the frigid air and turn into fog.

PARENTS APPROVE

"The parents thought it would be a very good idea — teach the kids responsibility and let them meet other kids of different nationalities."

"The kids are quite idealistic and have been working on it since Dec. 10."

PRaises STUDENTS

Rudolph Melnychuk, Sherbrooke principal, said the project should prove that "not all teenagers are bad." He said his students recently raised \$150 to buy 1,500 elementary school texts for students in Malawi.

Miss Gardner has happily accepted the students' offer of help and said she'd be particularly grateful for any assistance in looking after her charges and maintaining her 13-room home for them.

\$850,000 Gift

VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. Telephone Company Wednesday announced a \$850,000 donation to the B.C. Three Universities fund drive.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24, 1964

Flour Again For Russians

MOSCOW (UPI) — Russians will have flour for home baking over the New Year's holidays.

For only the second time in more than a year, authorities have arranged the distribution next week of thousands of tons of wheat flour to Russians who have not been able to buy it since shortly after the disastrous 1963 grain harvest which caused massive imports from Canada, and United States and other countries.

Voice of Women Sends Protests

TORONTO (CP) — The Voice of Women has sent a protest to French Ambassador Raymond Roussot in Ottawa and External Affairs Minister Paul Martin regarding the detention of two VoW members in Paris last week.

Kathleen MacPherson of Toronto, Canadian president of the VoW, and Mme. Therese Casgrain of Montreal, were among 15 women taken into custody by police in Paris when they tried to get an interview with Manlio Brosio, secretary-general of NATO.

The cable to Mr. Martin asked him "to convey our shock and dismay at the French police action." It asked "that you inform the French government of the calibre of these Canadian citizens who have received such discourteous treatment."

The telegram to the French ambassador asked him "to convey to your government a strong protest... at the treatment afforded... Mrs. Kathleen MacPherson and Mme. Therese Casgrain."

Pearson's Message:

Rise Above Disunity

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson, in a Christmas message to Canadians, says that if he were granted one wish this would be it:

"That each of us and all of us in Canada, individually and together, might rise above our divisions and our differences; that understanding and brotherhood might replace emotions which divide God's family and strive, even, to divide our nation."

Mr. Pearson's Christmas message has been recorded for broadcast and telecast on Christmas morning.

He said this would be a particularly happy Christmas for him and Mrs. Pearson because some of their grandchildren would be with them in Ottawa and "the special place of children in keeping the meaning of Christmas alive is of course sacred."

Prisoner Panicked When Path Blocked

WINNIPEG (CP) — Jean Paul Fournel, a member of Montreal's old Santa Claus gang, testified Tuesday he had expected an attack that finally came July 25 in Manitoba's Stony Mountain penitentiary.

Fournel, 41, stabbed in the back following a penitentiary movie, told magistrate's court here he carried two drafting compasses, each with a sharp point, as defensive weapons.

Fournel testified at the opening of a preliminary hearing into attempted murder charges arising from the attack against two other Stony Mountain prisoners, Germain Bernard, 27 of Montreal and Stanford Roy Settee, 24, of Winnipeg.

AFTER TRANSFER

The attack came less than a month after Fournel was transferred to Stony Mountain from St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary in Montreal.

Fournel was given life for non-capital murder after a policeman was killed in a bank holdup in St. Laurent, Que. Dec. 14, 1962.

He was chief crown witness at the trial of Georges Marcotte, another member of the Santa Claus gang, who was sentenced to hang for the slaying of the policeman, Const. Claude Marneau. His sentence was later commuted to life.

MOVED TO B.C.

Fournel was apparently transferred to the Manitoba prison to prevent a revenge attack. After the Stony Mountain stabbing, he was moved to the British Columbia prison at New Westminster.

Answering questions from crown and defence counsel, Fournel said he felt a blow on his back in a corridor after leaving the prison auditorium.

A group of other prisoners — including Frank Perrault, a "partner" of Marcotte's — bunched together to block his way.

Panicked, Fournel said he ran headlong and took a flying leap down a short flight of stairs leading to a recreation floor.

Attackers were on him and he flailed about with his arms and legs. Guards pulled the men off. Fournel said he did not actually see the two accused men stab him.

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Milk Bank Saves Baby

WINNIPEG (CP) — Seven nursing mothers in Winnipeg are donating milk every day to keep alive a Brandon baby who can't drink cow's milk or formula.

The unique milk bank was established by Winnipeg Children's Hospital, which appealed Wednesday for more donors because four-month-old Alexander Pappas' appetite is growing.

As of Wednesday, seven mothers were contributing about 16 ounces of milk to the hospital

bank which sterilizes it and sends it to Brandon every evening by bus.

Alexander is thriving on the all-milk diet and gaining weight rapidly.

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The Naval Program

THE FOCUS of local interest in the major defence spending program announced by Mr. Hellyer naturally centres on the naval construction scheduled. Six new warships are to be built, and large-scale conversion of seven present destroyer-escorts is also to be undertaken.

This is the realm in which B.C. shipyards are well able to contribute their skills and productive efforts to fine advantage, and the assumption is that the Victoria yards will get a justified share.

Some concern has arisen however over the statement by the defence minister that the allocation of shipbuilding to different yards across the country was the "most inefficient way ever devised to build ships." What Mr. Hellyer has otherwise in mind is not clear, but there are fears this may put the local yards out of the running because of the higher labor costs in B.C. and the freight rates differential from which this part of the country suffers.

If this is the core of Mr. Hellyer's thinking there are some factors he must remember.

It would not be efficient to let an industry go downhill on the ostensible plea of cutting costs, and B.C. shipbuilding is an important phase of the economic life of the nation. In a confederate state such as Canada a fundamental premise is that government spending should be spread across the country as this can be effectively done. Each area is entitled to consideration.

The apparent higher cost of shipbuilding on the West Coast can be misleading. A considerable part of the outlay is returned through taxes to the government, and thus to the national coffers, in all government spending confined to Canada—a good argument for keeping at home as much expenditure as possible on defence materials and equipment—and the higher cost here means a correspondingly higher return to the federal treasury.

More than this however is the obligation to see that confederation means in this connection what was part of the original compact, the allotment of all government plans for the collective benefit of the people as a whole.

And there can be no validity in the idea that naval shipbuilding should be confined to one area of the country.

It is planned also to secure a new submarine in the near future, and there is the suggestion this undersea vessel may be acquired from Britain. Why not from a Canadian yard? The skills of the Victoria area alone could build one, and this too would provide work and bolster the economy.

It is the spread of employment and consequent diversion of economic wealth that should govern the federal authority in all its spending programs.

Limited Rights

ARE TENANTS second-class citizens, as it seems when they are barred from voting on municipal money bylaws? The question has been raised again in Vancouver, where The Sun, commenting without pride on the turnout of less than 40 per cent in the city's recent elections, finds some excuse at least for the tenant-electors who stayed away from the polls.

The point that has been made in partial exculpation of electors in this classification is that they must have less incentive to take an active part in the guidance of their city's or district's affairs, by way of the ballot, when it is implied that they are not responsible enough or do not have sufficient stake in their community to have a say on borrowing for and spending on development. This thought, indirectly as part of their rents, they pay into the municipal treasury on the same scale as other residents; though they may on the whole be more cheaply supplied with local services than home-owners because of the concentration of most of them in apartment blocks, and though they are probably as stable an element of the population as any in today's circumstances.

Whether tenant-electors really take umbrage at this slight in any great numbers is anyone's guess, though the voting-turnout figures would seem to indicate so. But their relegation to an inferior position on election day appears bound to become more questionable if the trend to apartment living, now so much in evidence, continues.

The Fright Before Christmas

Twas just before Christmas, and all through the House

Not a Grit 'bencher stirred, not even to grouse,
For their stockings were hung and their requests writ with care
In the hope that Mike Pearson would soon see them there.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
The janitor woke up—as mad as a hatter—
When what should appear 'fore his eyes
(large as crabs),

But a miniature cabinet cruiser drawn by six sorry Libs.

With a sad little driver with a face like a jester
He knew in a moment it must be old Lester;
More rapid than Socreds his cabinet they came
And Mike swore and he shouted and called them by name.

"Now Maurice! Now Rene! Now Judy and Walter!"

And Guy and Paul! Oh why did you falter?
We were kings of the castle—on top of them all—
Now you've crashed us and smashed us
and dashed away all!"

His eyes, how they glittered! His brow all a-wrinkle
As salt on their wounds he did liberally sprinkle.
Neither cheery nor smiling, nor a jolly old elf,
He cursed them all softly in spite of himself.

He came to the Chamber, went straight to his chair,
To fill cabinet vacancies from the lists that were there.
Then, laying a finger aside of his nose
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his cruiser, gave his team a Bronx cheer
And away they all flew like the froth from a beer.
He was heard to exclaim as drove out of sight
"Happy recess to all and I hope I've done right."



"Good Christian men, re-joy-oy-ace—and keep your eye on Smithy in this blinking fog."

Thinking Aloud

"... of shoes, and ships,
and sailing seas..."

By TOM TAYLOR

JUST to take your mind off the weather we've been having, let us consider the plight of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. You know about this architectural masterpiece, of course. How could you miss? Some of you may have climbed the circular route to near its 180-foot top. Others may have stood in front of local travel bureau windows, admiring its pictorial image and wishing they were there.

Well, by the juxtaposition that coincides often provides, an Italian calendar for next year came to my office desk while I was reading a dispatch from Milan on this world-famous cathedral campfire.

And its inclination to one side is causing renewed concern.

It is now about 14 feet out of plumb, which is a big slant off the perpendicular, and the fact that it's been that way for many years doesn't provide the local authorities with much comfort.

They are afraid it might topple to the ground any day.

Actually the tower base began to sink at one side during its construction from the years 1174 to 1350, causing it to become one of the seven wonders of the Middle Ages and a tourist attraction ever since. But of late the tilt has steadily become more pronounced even if in fractional fashion. And the more it leans the more the shift of the centre of gravity to the low side.

I was slightly amused by the statement that the Florentine architect who started its construction, Bonanno by name, had provided an inadequate foundation for the campfire, thinking that since this bell tower had lasted six hundred years and more he hadn't done too badly.

And remembering also the lack of technical methods and building equipment we take nowadays for granted. If our modern high-risers prove as durable we can put our backs.

The problem facing the Pisa experts is, to borrow from Shakespeare, a case of "to do or not to do." One group favors taking steps immediately to correct the "lean," although they are not too sure how this can be done. Another body of opinion fears that attempts to strengthen the foundation might upset the present equilibrium.

The tower could last, if its rate of movement remained uniform, perhaps another 100 years, but this is an imponderable. Anything might accelerate the slant, an unduly strong gale or a slight earth tremor, for instance. So the Italian government is sponsoring an international competition inviting projects for the tower's consolidation.

It is explained that the easy way to resist any further deviation would be to buttress the tower by diagonal shores on the low side or by ropes fastened to the high side and anchored to the ground. But no one wants this method of security. It would destroy the artistic value that has made the tower a mecca for travellers the world over.

And the Leaning Tower can be credited with an annual revenue of some six million dollars because of its tourist appeal.

Well, that's how the matter stands at the moment, or rather leans. Let's all hope our Victorian who went some day to see the campfire in person are not deprived by a fate which sends this historic structure crashing to the ground.

We have lots of new wonders to tillate our present era; but old ones are worth the keeping. And Pisa's famous bell tower is in that category.

Washington Calling

Nasser's Brilliant Performance

By MARQUEE CHILDS from Cairo

IN the year now ending Egypt has been the setting for two Arab summit conferences and one nonaligned conference of 47 Asian and African heads of government. Both Moscow and Peking have sent their principal persuaders on missions to Cairo.

This is a measure of the skill with which President Gamal Abdel Nasser has played his hand. Against the background of a nation desperately overpopulated, living on the razor edge of hunger, it is a brilliant performance.

Nasser means to make himself the undisputed leader of the nonaligned bloc, which has close to a majority in the United Nations. And his driving ambition puts him more often than not in partnership with Moscow.

For American policy-makers Nasser over the last decade has been a baffling, frustrating opponent who cannot be pinned with one tag or another.

With the burning of the United States Information Service Library and its 25,000 volumes by so-called African students—a plot obviously planned with full knowledge of the techniques of arson—the hand may have been overplayed. Ever since the fire and a subsequent stern protest by Ambassador Lucius Eastle, the Cairo press has been conspicuously free of the violent anti-Americanism that reached a peak just before the book-burning.

The fire-blackened rooms of the library—perhaps the best on the side of technical and scientific publications in the Middle East—are melancholy evidence of the violent passions that can be exploited in Asia and Africa. The controlled press published not one line about the atrocities committed by the rebels in the Congo. The propaganda attack culminating in the book-burning was aimed at the Belgians and Americans as "imperialists" who "invaded the Congo" in a "military conspiracy" to restore colonialism.

Since 1952 Egypt has had \$1,200,000,000 in American aid, most of it in surplus food, which comes in today at the rate of

\$140,000,000 a year. This helps free scarce foreign exchange for industrialization and the military buildup. The government has requested an increase next year, with supplementary means, to relieve acute food shortages.

If this help were withdrawn by the U.S. Congress as a consequence of the outrage against the library, it would be a blow but, in the view of long-time observers, not an irreparable blow.

Nasser has the power to take damaging reprisals. He could deny American oil tankers carrying the wealth of the Arab oil fields the use of the Suez Canal.

Oil is the be all and end all of the American presence in the Arab world. Aramco's investment of more than a billion dollars in Saudi Arabia is said to be the largest overseas stake.

With no oil as yet discovered in Egypt, Nasser nevertheless has demonstrated his shrewdness by promoting the line that Arab oil, wherever it is found, belongs to all the 90,000,000 Arabs. The fabulously rich little state

of Kuwait, with an annual revenue of at least \$600,000,000, has been "persuaded" to give Egypt a loan, spread over several years, of \$100,000,000. This could be a precedent for other wealthy sheikdoms.

Recently two American companies, Phillips Petroleum and Pan-American, a subsidiary of Standard of Indiana, have signed an exploitation contract with the Egyptian government calling for expenditure of \$15,000,000 over 10 years and a 50-50 sharing of any discoveries.

Cairo is the Arab cultural and religious centre, and this underscores Nasser's claim to be leader of the Arab world. He has had his troubles, notably in Yemen, where 40,000 Egyptian troops, sustained at a cost of not less than \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000 a year, have not achieved the "republic" of Yemen that is Nasser's goal. Proposed talks with Saudi Arabia, which backs a royal Yemen, have broken down. By withdrawing from the United Arab Republic, Syria dealt a blow to Nasser's ambition.

Most observers doubt that any

real federation of the Arab states, each preoccupied with its own concerns and its own fortunes, is possible.

The propaganda radio screams invective at Israel. Lately a savage attack has been aimed at the cardinals who voted in the Vatican Ecumenical Council to absolve the Jews of the blame for Christ's crucifixion. But although this is a community of unfailing hatred it is hardly a bond of common policy.

The nonaligned conference last October took a strong stand for peaceful coexistence and general disarmament and against "neo-colonialism" and all foreign bases. Neo-colonialism means any economic interest of the Western powers in any former colony. This was echoed loudly in the speech that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko gave at the UN General Assembly recently. By coincidence or design, the wave length appears to be the same; and this for the West is one of the great imponderables in reckoning the role of a figure who claims a place in the centre of the world stage, if only by reason of his own skillful strategy.

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Italy Draws Refugees

Fleeing from Communism

By GODFREY BLAKELEY from Rome

SOME 4,500 refugees from East European Communist countries have sought political asylum in Italy within the last year. Most of them have escaped via Yugoslavia, often crossing the Adriatic Sea by boat. At the end of the summer escape season, the Italian Adriatic coast is dotted with boats which are returned to Yugoslavia.

The rate of escapes has hardly dropped since the worst years of the cold war, but to day the reasons for escaping are generally economic rather than political. In the last two months, 15 East Europeans have escaped from tourist boats which docked at Italian ports. Tourism within the East European countries has helped the refugees, enabling them to come from, say Czechoslovakia, on a tourist trip to the Yugoslav-Italian border.

A railway engineer from Hungary who reached Italy from Yugoslavia, said he had ridden on a train along the border and had jumped off into some bushes. Then at the approach of border police and dogs he had jumped into a river and swum two miles until he came to the Italian border.

Life under Communism for him had no perspective. His brother's action in fleeing Hungary for Australia in 1948 had left "a black spot" in his career. In Budapest he had lived in one room with his wife and two children, sharing a three-roomed flat with five other relatives. The last time he had gone to the cinema it had cost him 30 shillings.

An electrician who looked like a fox said he had escaped from Czechoslovakia eight months ago, having planned the escape for eight years. He had saved for a holiday in East Germany by going without food, in order to try to escape from there to West Berlin. But the Berlin Wall was put up just before he got there.

Then a friend who had escaped to Vienna sent him a selection of escape plans. The one he finally adopted was a companion was to float across the Adriatic on rubber mattresses. "A large wave arrived," he said with a smile, and his companion went off somewhere else and had never been seen since.

"Life in Czechoslovakia is so hard you just have to plan to go somewhere else," he said, not likely to do him any good.

The Communists condemn the tourist, strip-tease and chewing gum as decadent Western habits, then a few months later, they are introduced into Czechoslovakia.

"They say that in the West people do things only for money, but when Western tourists come to Czechoslovakia they are robbed. And foreigners are always served before Czechs in shops and restaurants."

A Bulgarian said he had planned his escape for five years. In the shoe factory where he worked "they" (meaning the management) always got themselves production premiums, even if production plans failed. The workers had to put in extra hours so that "they" got the premiums.

He earned \$120 a month, almost \$80 of which was spent on food. A pair of shoes cost from \$9 to \$12. When production plans failed wages were cut. Many factories worked at half capacity.

Many were being dismantled and transferred elsewhere under Communist mutual aid schemes.

He said he had reached Italy during the recent local elections. He did not wish to say how or where. On arriving at the first Italian town he saw Italian Communist party election banners, and thought that Italy had a Communist government, too. He showed his documents to a policeman who did not recognize them and refused to have anything to do with him. Then he met a group of late night party-goers who invited him to a party. Thus he arrived in the West.

The refugees are interrogated and screened at Trieste. Then the pick of them are transferred to Latina, south of Rome. The Latina camp is a large transit barracks. The rooms of the camp are decorated with hopeful posters about the new life awaiting in Australia, New Zealand or Canada. There the refugees await emigration to the countries ready to accept them.

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For the Poor, Well-Off

Unequal Penalties

From The Gazette, Montreal

ARE all men equal before the law when it comes to paying fines? Opinion grows that they are not. The law generally provides, in minor offences, for a small fine or so many days in jail. To the man of some means, paying the small fine is no serious matter. To the man of little means, it may be difficult, or impossible.

When a man is jailed for being unable to pay his fine, his offence is no greater than that of the man who pays his fine and goes free. What happens is that the poor man is jailed for being poor. And if he has a wife and family they may suffer while he is in jail, while the wife and family of the man who can easily pay the fine suffer not at all.

How seriously this unfairness is being regarded is seen in the fact that last week saw the John Howard Society protest about it in its brief before Ontario's Royal Commission on Civil Rights. And Prof. Norval Morris of the University of Chicago, addressing a gathering of criminologists, condemned fines that have no relation to the ability to pay. He also said that tossing a man in jail for a few days is not likely to do him any good.

If the present system of imposing fines without regard to ability to pay is to be continued, it could be made at least fairer by permitting the payment of fines on the instalment plan. The man who can pay easily would pay at once, but the man who could not pay at once, could pay over a period of time, according to his means. At least an inability to pay all at once would not become in itself, as it is now, the reason why one man goes to jail and another doesn't.

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Ottawa Offbeat

Letters To Santa

By RICHARD JACKSON

JOLLY old Saint Nicholas,
Needed much this year,
Asked a flag for Christmas
And got it now, no fear.
How about some precious peace
That PMs never see?
And the answer to Quebec
Would surely tickle me
—L. B. Pearson,
Prime Minister.

Santa Claus from you I'd like
Noise-removing gear;
So we'll hear no more
rumbles
Of Tory chances near.
"Great Rejection" I've been
called.
But sure as my name's
Dief,
When another vote comes
"round,
I'll be back as Chief.
—J. G. Diefenbaker,
Official Opposition Leader.

As head of NDP, Saint Nick,
Christmas came full size
When we got in at Waterloo.
What a heady prize!
So you see, we really don't
Need more gifts this
year.
Unless you've other Mem-
bers
You'd like our way to
steer.
—T. C. Douglas,
New Democratic Leader.

When Real departed hence
And left me in the lurch,
I wondered where I'd find
more help.
Where on earth I'd
search.
Then went to Africa for
Paul;
Couldn't ask for more.
No need to call this Christ-
mas.
That's what I waited for.
—Robert Thompson,
Social Credit Leader.

Santa Claus, I'm just a guy
Down from prairie Sask.
Went to China pushing
wheat.
Useful, pleasant task.
Need a button for my lip.
When Chinese say that
we
Are cultural barbarians,
What'd I do? Agree!
—Alvin Hamilton,
MP for Qd'Appelle.

Could you oust those varmint
Grits,
Those from not out
West?
We Horners and our friends
allow
They're only second
best.
We would rope and tie them
all.
Show them we mean biz.
We fight for any Big Sky
cause.
Tory cause, that is.
—MPs Hugh and Jack
and Cousin Al Horner.

This Service integration bit
Has its ups and downs.
On the whole I think, per-
haps,
The ups outweigh the
downs.
I'm asking for the works,
Saint Nick,
Need anything you've
got.
Ships and planes and arms
and men;
Defence is going to pot.
—Paul Hellyer,
Defence Minister.

Pere Noel, it's been a mess
For J's a little lefty.
The actions of some men I
know
Have been upsetting me.
The perfect gift this year
would be,
I might suggest to you,
Solutions to these crazy
things.
Please tell me what to
do.
—Guy Favreau,
Minister of Justice.

Good Saint Nick, I need to
lose
A name that's plaguing
me.
I'm stuck with "Judo Judy"
Since pictures from "Big
T."
But guess I shouldn't moan
and groan:
Penskon Plan's a bear
(flower,
Seldom feel like smoking
now
And have my private
tower.
—Judy LaMarsh,
Minister Health and Welfare.

I took my stand about the
flag.
On this I wasn't shy.
I guess that even at the Pole
You know the reasons
why.
When you get out your sleigh
tonight
To fly around the world,
Please have an Ensign
marked Ralph Cowan
From dashboard be un-
furl'd.
—Ralph Cowan,
MP York-Elmhor.

Santa Claus, you surely
know
What this session's been.
It's long, it's loud, fatigued,
confused,
Sometimes even mean.
The best that I could ask
from you,
As Speaker for this mob,
The great Good Will of
Christmas time,
To better do the job.
—Alan MacNaughton,
Speaker of the Commons.

Judicial Bribe Inquiry

Tremblay Describes That July Meeting

OTTAWA (CP)—Immigration Minister Tremblay, the first federal cabinet minister summoned before the Dorion judicial inquiry, gave his initial testimony Wednesday about events of last July 14, the night his executive assistant is charged with offering a \$20,000 bribe to Montreal lawyer Pierre Lamontagne.

Mr. Tremblay, to be recalled at a later stage of the inquiry being conducted by Chief Justice Frederic Dorion of the Quebec Superior Court, told of being introduced to a Pierre Lamontagne by his former assistant, Raymond Denis, in the ministerial suite of offices in the Parliament Buildings.

Mr. Lamontagne has testified that it was July 14 that Mr. Denis offered \$20,000, after Mr. Tremblay left them alone, to ease the release of Lucien Rivard, wanted in Texas on an indictment linking Rivard's name to the Mafia international crime syndicate.

Mr. Lamontagne, who swore he rejected the money, is counsel for the United States government which wants Rivard extradited. Rivard was arrested last June 19 and still is in Bordeaux Jail at Montreal.

The immigration minister testified that at no time in the few minutes he was with Mr. Denis and Mr. Lamontagne was the Rivard case mentioned. He left the two to continue discussing the Bonanno case.

Joe (Bananas) Bonanno had been under prosecution by Mr. Lamontagne's law firm acting

for the justice department for making false statements to immigration officers. He left Canada July 30 and disappeared on a New York street before he could testify to a federal grand jury investigation into the Mafia.

Raymond Daoust, Montreal lawyer for Rivard and Bonanno, testified earlier Wednesday that he was introduced July 15 to Mr. Denis by Guy Rouleau, Liberal MP for Montreal-Dorval, when he was trying to get Mr. Tremblay to agree to permitting Bonanno to remain in Canada.

Mr. Rouleau has not testified yet but has been listed as a witness. He resigned as parliamentary secretary to Prime Minister Pearson after Erik Nielsen (PC-Yukon) raised in Parliament Mr. Lamontagne's charges of attempted bribery and coercion by ministerial assistants. He said he made representations in the Rivard case.

Mr. Daoust said he came here intending to see Mr. Tremblay but had not been able to. He submitted his formal plea on Bonanno's behalf in writing July 16 at Mr. Denis' suggestion.

He Doesn't Recall

Mr. Tremblay said he doesn't recall whether Mr. Rouleau got in touch with him about meeting Daoust. He had seen a letter from Mr. Daoust and instructed Mr. Denis to meet Mr. Daoust. He said the letter referred to the Bonanno case.

The minister agreed to supply a photostat of the letter from the files and Chief Justice Dorion instructed Jules Deschenes, counsel for the federal government, to enter it as an exhibit when it is received.

However, Y. E. Fortier, counsel for Mr. Lamontagne, suggested in questioning Mr. Tremblay that there is not a letter dated before July 16. He served notice that if one is not produced he will have further questions for Mr. Tremblay.

While questioning Mr. Daoust earlier, Mr. Fortier said Mr. Daoust testified Tuesday he had met Mr. Tremblay here July 15. Mr. Daoust replied he hadn't actually met the minister. He had intended to. He, Mr. Denis and Mr. Rouleau met. The Bonanno case was discussed. He sent Mr. Tremblay his plea by messenger the next day. Mr. Denis informed him July 23 it had been rejected.

Mr. Daoust said Mr. Rouleau

remained for part of the interview.

When Mr. Tremblay was on the stand, he said the meeting took place in Mr. Rouleau's office but he didn't know whether Mr. Rouleau was present. He said Mr. Denis reported verbally the talk was about all aspects of the Bonanno case. Mr. Denis gave Mr. Daoust no commitments.

Mr. Tremblay said there was no consideration given by the government to granting bail for Bonanno and Mr. Denis knew this.

He said he did not ask Mr. Denis on or before July 14 to get Mr. Lamontagne to the capital to discuss the Bonanno case. He didn't know whether Mr. Daoust asked for an interview after discussing the Bonanno case with Mr. Denis.

He said it would be impossible that Mr. Denis had said Mr. Daoust requested a review of the Bonanno case. He would have remembered if it had been raised.

Mr. Fortier suggested there was no letter from Mr. Daoust before July 16 asking for an interview. Mr. Tremblay said he would be surprised if such a letter doesn't exist.

May Be Two Letters

At another point, Mr. Tremblay said it is possible there are two letters in the files.

Mr. Fortier said everyone at the inquiry had been taking it for granted that the letter exists. If it wasn't produced as Mr. Tremblay had agreed to do, he would have more questions for the minister.

Ross Drouin, counsel for the Progressive Conservative party, asked Mr. Tremblay the whereabouts of the original files in the Bonanno case.

Mr. Tremblay replied they are in the immigration department.

Mr. Drouin asked whether the record in the Rivard case also is in the department.

Mr. Tremblay said no, because the Rivard case is not an immigration matter.

Mr. Drouin asked whether Mr. Tremblay gave the RCMP a statement during investigation of the Rivard case.

Norman Matthews, counsel for the RCMP, told the court he was instructed to say Mr. Tremblay hadn't made a statement and hadn't been asked by the RCMP for one.

This occurred just before Mr. Tremblay took the witness stand. The 18 lawyers representing different parties at the inquiry have been supplied progressively with copies of any statements made by witnesses to the RCMP.

Mr. Matthews asked whether, on or before July 13, Mr. Tremblay instructed Mr. Denis to invite Mr. Lamontagne to Ottawa to discuss the Bonanno case.

Mr. Tremblay said no.

Guy Guerin, counsel for Mr. Denis, asked whether an interview had been granted Mr. Daoust because of complaints about detention of persons without bail in immigration cases.

Mr. Tremblay said this was no.

The fifth day of the hearing saw the conclusion of testimony by Mr. Daoust, who occupied the stand most of Tuesday and all morning Wednesday.

Referring to Mr. Rouleau, Mr. Daoust said the MP was a well-known colleague and old school friend. He figured it would be quicker to get Mr. Rouleau to introduce him to Mr. Tremblay's executive assistant than to

cool his heels waiting for Mr. Tremblay to see him about Bonanno.

Mr. Rouleau had introduced him to Mr. Denis July 15 and stayed for part of the discussion.

Mr. Daoust caused a stir at the opening of the day's proceedings by demanding an official interpreter to translate questions put to him in English. The hearings have been conducted mostly in French with simultaneous translation to English provided over portable radio sets.

Radio Colonial, Victoria
Thursday, Dec. 24, 1964

New Pirate Off Britain

LONDON (Reuters)—Radio London, latest pirate radio station operating off the British coast, has started regular broadcasting.

The station operates from a former United States minesweeper in the Thames estuary. It is expected to reach 10,000,000 British homes.

Error or Theft?

By BOB PETHICK

Three children, a husband and wife and a grandmother will be without presents from Victoria this year due to either an error or a deliberate theft.

The Sheila J. Smith family of 2748 Satellite Street in Oak Bay is hoping it was an error when two valises, one containing Christmas presents for their relatives in Ladner were missed

from the B.C. government ferry which left for Tsawwassen at 11 a.m. Saturday.

In addition to Mrs. Smith's gifts, the bags contained gifts bought with the savings of her son, Colonel carrier Hal, 15, and her daughter Penny, 17. "He saved his money from his paper route. Penny saved hers

from a job," said an unhappy Mrs. Smith Wednesday night. The gifts were intended for Mrs. Smith's sister and brother-in-law, Cpl. Kenneth H. Johnson of the RCAF wireless station in Ladner. The Johnsons have three children.

Hal Smith was escorting his grandmother to a Christmas-time family reunion in Ladner. It was the first time she had seen her daughter and son-in-law for four years.

The young man escorted his grandmother aboard the ferry, then went and brought two of the four bags he had left in the foot passenger's luggage van. "The man in charge of the luggage remembers him coming back for the valises, but he doesn't remember the other two bags," said Mrs. Smith.

The bags were still in place when they reached Tsawwassen. Hal carried two of the bags to his uncle's car and when he returned the other two were missing.

Watch Planned For Cemetery

A letter from the police commission informed city council Wednesday that there will be no need to hire a security service to patrol Ross Bay Cemetery. Police will do the job.

Ald. Geoffrey Edgelow said recently in city council he did not see the need to hire an outside service to patrol the park where, on several occasions, vandals have damaged headstones.

Surely the police force could make the necessary patrols, he said.

The letter from the police commission stated that there had been only three reports of damage at the cemetery.

Lost on Ferry

There were close to \$300 worth of presents in one of the valises.

"It is not so much the money, it is the fact that they were Christmas presents. The grown-ups will understand but I don't believe the children will," said Mrs. Smith.

"We are hoping whoever has the bags will realize there has been an error and return them," said Mrs. Smith.

Mayor Tours Offices

With today a holiday for city hall staff, Wednesday was greetings day in all municipal departments.

Mayor R. B. Wilson made a tour of all outside departments, police, fire, engineering, welfare and parks employing more than 500, to wish everybody the compliments of the season.

At 11 a.m. aldermen and the mayor received members of the inside staff in the mayor's office, handing out cigars and candy.

There were boxes of chocolates and home-made fudge in all departments and everybody, staff, members of the public, were invited to dip in.

It was the first Christmas in the new city hall and council invested in decorations worth hundreds of dollars in the knowledge they would be used in future years.

Mayor Wilson attended the annual parks department party late Wednesday afternoon.

Sunny South Beckons, Nature Bars Way



America's sunny southwest coast may seem attractive to residents of Canada's west coast at this time of year, but how to get there? Closed are the two main roads, Highway 99, above, and Highway 101, victims of a cave-in and washed-out bridge respectively. Cave-in is 43 miles north of Redding and washout 28 miles south of Eureka, both in California.—(AP)

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American Storms Leave 28 Dead

Roosevelt, Wash., across the Columbia River from Arlington, Ore.

Highway crews were digging at the slides but there was no indication when the trains would be freed. Railway officials said the passengers were warm, comfortable and well fed, but that about 1,000 pounds of food would be airlifted to them to prevent a shortage.

Washington reported at least 15 storm deaths over eight days. About 100 fled their homes along Asotin Creek in south-eastern Washington.

Schools were closed in Spokane, Yakima, Bellingham and other cities.

Meanwhile, normally placid Marsh Creek in south-central Idaho flowed out of its banks Wednesday, forcing the evacuation of at least 10 rural families.

STEADY RAINS

The torrent, caused by unseasonably warm weather and steady rains melting the mountain's snowpack, raised fears among area residents that a dam on the Dewey Ranch east of Declo had broken.

Lee Dewey, part owner of the ranch, said the 1,300-foot-long earth-fill dam was intact, but that water was so high it was flowing around the dam's east end.

Dewey said the dam, used to irrigate the ranch, holds a reservoir of 300 acre-feet.

A letup in warm Sierra Nevada rainfall apparently saved downtown Reno, Nev., from flooding by the Truckee River. National guardsmen had sandbagged store fronts against the threat. Nevada had one storm death.

Gusty winds stirred up dust in Colorado and Wyoming for the last week. They were clocked at 100 miles an hour at Boulder, Colo., home of the University of Colorado, Tuesday night and early Wednesday, but damage was light.

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Travel Companies Geared for Rush

Most Vancouver Island travel facilities have scheduled extra service to cope with an anticipated flood of holiday travellers.

Airline and ferry service has been boosted, and bus lines report overload buses are being used every day.

Air Canada has scheduled extra flights to Vancouver and Seattle every day until Dec. 27. Extra flights are also scheduled for Jan. 3 and 4.

Heaviest bookings are scheduled today and Friday. In addition to regular flights, two more

to Vancouver and one extra to Seattle will be operating.

B.C. Ferries between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen will revert to summer schedule with sailings every hour between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. up to Dec. 28.

Christmas Day there will be odd-hour sailings between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

They will revert to regular winter schedule for the New Year holiday.

The Black Ball ferry to Port Angeles will have one extra sailing at 9 a.m. Sunday in addition to their regular daily sailing at 1 p.m.

Washington State ferry to Anacortes will stay on regular schedule for the holiday.

'Concord Deal To Continue'

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'Illegal Deal' Charge Brings Sidney Probe

A charge that Sidney village commission is involved in an "illegal deal" will be investigated by the municipal affairs department next month.

The probe is at the request of Commission Chairman A. A. Cormack because "all members of council are now under a cloud of suspicion."

It arose over a charge by Commissioner Andries Bona at last week's meeting that an "illegal deal" was made in connection with the recent construction of the Sidney sewer extension project.

He claimed the "deal" was made with a Bowerbank Road resident.

The probe will take place early in January.

Seiner Crew Lost

RCAF Helicopter Rescues Hungry Men

COMOX — Seven Nanaimo loggers were among nine men rescued Tuesday by an RCAF Station Comox helicopter, it was learned Wednesday.

The CH-113 Voyageur helicopter, only recently attached to 121 Search and Rescue Unit, left Comox at 10:48 a.m. Tuesday on another job—to search for a seiner which had disappeared on a trip from Ocean Falls to Bella Bella.

It found the wreckage of the seiner and its skiff at 1 p.m., returned to Comox, and was then asked to get in touch with two logging men who were reported out of food at a construction

project on Kwana Inlet, 200 miles northwest of Vancouver. The copter crew went to the scene to find the seven Nanaimo loggers and two construction men.

They had been working on a project for McPhail Construction Co. of Vancouver and were to have been taken out Dec. 18 when the project closed for the winter. But the company's aircraft could not land because of bad weather.

Rations All Eaten

The loggers were Mervyn Leenabak, 23, Len Larose, 23, Andy Poje, 40, Pete Mieras, 38, Ole Skandil, about 40, Darryl Perrin, 17, and Alex Honeyman, 61.

The construction workers were Ray Telford, 37, of Surrey, and Tom Truffitt, about 27, of Vancouver.

Mr. Leenabak said the two McPhail Co. men and he and the other Kwana Logging Co. men had eaten all the rations left at the camp for the McPhail men, who were to have stayed all winter as watchmen.

"It all went in six days and Tuesday we were down to eating toast," he said. "We had a

rifle and thought we'd try to shoot some geese . . . there wasn't any bigger game in the area."

The copter flew the nine men to Port Hardy, where they sat down to a big meal and topped off their return to civilization with a drinking party.

The wreck of the 38-foot seiner Westwerty and its skiff were sighted on Denny Island in Dean Channel, a part of Kwana Inlet.

There was no trace of survivors and officials feared its occupants, skipper Butch Windoor, Paul Gladstone and Nancy Campbell, had perished. They are Bella Bella residents.

Saanich-San Juan

Friendship Blooms In Island Blackout

A friendship between a Saanich couple and residents of the west coast of San Juan Island has developed over the recent power blackout on the U.S. island.

Aubrey and Ruth Squire, who have lived on the waterfront at 5000 Lockhaven Drive for 10 years, wrote to the mayor of Friday Harbor sympathizing with island residents.

LETTER PUBLISHED

The letter, written Nov. 22, was published in the local paper, The Journal.

The letter said the Squires had watched the lights on San Juan Island for 10 years "and with each new light have felt that we had gained a new good neighbor and welcomed it in much

the same manner as we have welcomed the people who build next door."

Since publication of the letter, the Squires have received two letters and two Christmas cards from islanders, along with a detailed map and history of the area.

One of the letters, from Helen and Chester Caton, thanked the Squires for their "heart-warming" letter.

'WE, TOO, WATCH'

"We, too, sit at our dining table and watch for your light," the letter said.

"It is nice to know that you have been thinking of us during the emergency, and we hope you will plan to come to the island and visit us in the near future. God bless and keep you."

Plane Helps Santa With Christmas Gift

A high-flying Santa plane will land at Sibley Bay Indian Reserve on Thetis Island this morning with part of a 4,000-pound Christmas present.

At the controls of the aircraft will be William Sylvester of Victoria Flying Services who has donated an airplane to fly 600 pounds of clothing to the Indian children on Thetis and Kuper Islands.

The navy will ship the rest of the clothing and food to the islands next week.

The 4,000 pounds of clothing is the result of a three-day campaign which was started by a Sidney man, J.D. Fraser of 11050 Hester.

Mr. Fraser said Wednesday not all of the clothing is cast-offs. A dry goods store in Sidney donated several boxes of new clothing.

WARM RESPONSE

"The response has been really wonderful," Mrs. Fraser said. "A lot of people have said they would have helped long ago but they didn't know where to send the clothing."



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Christmas Magic Belongs to Very Young

Bang! Crash! Santa Fell in Tub

Christmas could not pass on the news pages of The Daily Colonist without a special story by Victoria Island reporter Bea Hamilton of Victoria. This year, Mrs. Hamilton says that some adults will do in from the boys' Christmas morning—back to the golden years of youth.

By BEA HAMILTON

It was the night before Christmas and, by all tradition, it should have been calm and expectant with stockings hanging and happy children's voices singing carols.

Well, there was a child's voice all right—mine. And it wasn't happy nor was it singing.

In fact, I was raising a fuss because I had heard my big brother's remark they were going to set a trap for Santa by leaving a tub of water at the foot of the stairs.

Agonizing Din

I made an agonizing din and, when my brothers saw and heard my distress, they promised they would leave Santa to wend his way as usual.

He would pick up his apple and a piece of Christmas cake, left ready on the kitchen table, and ho ho ho his way over the chimney tops after leaving our stockings hanging.

Feeling I had saved Santa, I was put to bed and told to go to sleep or Santa wouldn't come. My stocking hung comfortably near and I kept feeling it to see if it had been filled.

Now, our old home boasted no plumbing or lighting beyond the old oil lamps.

To have a bath, members of the family took turns, heating water in the large boiler at-

tached to the old kitchen range (an 1870 Mayflower), a huge thing which took up a good part of the large kitchen-living room, and also by pots of water heating on the stove.

This Christmas Eve, one member of the family decided to wait until all had gone to bed before having a bath. Then the round washtub, the largest one could buy, was brought in from the

pantry and placed beside the comforting warmth of the old Mayflower.

Anxious Child

I was a worried little girl—would Santa Claus come and catch my sister in the bath? I wasn't worried about my sister's feelings but I didn't want Santa shocked—he might never come near us again.

Finally about 11:30 I dozed off, and then I heard:

Bang! Crash! Santa had fallen into the tub!

I reached out fearfully to touch my stocking and, wonder of wonders, Santa had filled it before he fell into the water.

All was well and I hugged my stocking and listened sleepily to the sound of a door shutting, footsteps going . . . going . . .

I could hear all the reindeer . . . and then I was gone into dreamland.

My excited tale next morning brought fresh bursts of laughter from my teasing brothers. Santa didn't fall in any tub; it was only my sister putting the tub back into the pantry.

I was relieved. I had heard Santa going away, dry. He had even taken the red apple and plum cake.

Absolute Proof

Oh, yes, a little girl knows lots of things big brothers don't know. She hears the tiny hoofs and the big, warm chuckle of Santa and she has absolute proof in her stocking filled with things no one in the family ever thought of—even fruit with a distinctive North Pole flavor.

So I thought many years ago, and today, if I could have a Christmas wish, I'd wish that every little child could have the magical Christmas that is the rightful heritage of the very young.

The Babe in the manger, peace on earth, Santa and his

tiny reindeer—all fancies and myths if you like, and also thrilling mysteries of things hard to understand.

I'd stretch the longest night of the year, Christmas Eve, to even longer hours, for these are the things no little child should miss if he or she wants to grow up to be an understanding man or woman.

And no adult can understand a child until he has enjoyed the unique sensation of believing in the unbelievable, as only a tiny child can.



Bea Hamilton prepares for another Christmas

Mrs. Rita Hughes

Pioneer Daughter Dies Here at 85

Mrs. Rita Cecelia Hughes, daughter of a pioneer Saanich family, died Tuesday at Mount St. Mary after a lengthy illness. She was 85.

Mrs. Hughes was born at Ardmore when it was still Inver-tavish Farm, the 600-acre property of her parents, George and Catherine McTavish.

Her mother was the daughter of Dr. Sebastian Helmecken and the granddaughter of Sir James Douglas.

Mrs. Hughes was active in the Church of Our Lord and was for years president of the Protestant Orphanage.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Vaughan Jamieson, Victoria; one brother, ex-alderman Duncan D. McTavish, View Royal; one granddaughter, Ann Jamieson, Victoria; one sister, Dorothy Downing, West Vancouver.

Bishop D. A. G. Rankin will conduct the funeral service in Hayward's Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Larceny Goes Festive

Victoria district's larceny set is getting the Christmas spirit. Police reports note theft of a dozen Christmas trees some time Tuesday night from a sales lot at Pandora and Cook.

Operator William Tambling told police he checked the truck at the lot around midnight and found it ransacked. A check of his trees showed 12 short.

In Saanich a youthful thief stripped a decorated fir tree of 18 colored light bulbs.

The tree's owner saw a youth run from his yard at 3949 Cedar Hill Road Tuesday night at about 10 p.m. He found the lights missing when he checked the tree.

A child's piggy bank containing \$5 was reported stolen after the home of Louis Nagy, 3230 Admirals Road, was broken into Wednesday night.

G. A. Brand Re-elected

University of Victoria Prof. G. A. Brand has been re-elected president of the Victoria Unit, English Speaking Union.

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Garden Notes

All About Holly

By M. V. CHESNUT, FRHS

At this season of the year especially, I imagine just about every homeowner would like to have a holly tree in his garden, but a lot of folks are deterred from buying and planting one in the mistaken idea that it will be many years before the thing produces any berries.

It is true that holly is a slow grower, but not that slow; I have seen trees of some varieties beautifully decked out in their Christmas finery while no more than four feet tall.

Botanically, holly is Ilex, an old Latin name for the evergreen Holm oak tree, to which holly is supposed to bear some resemblance.

The popular name holly is old Anglo-Saxon for holy, so called because, according to legend, the plant first appeared in the footsteps of Christ, the scarlet berries symbolizing the blood that was shed on the Cross.

In some parts of Europe the prickly kind is known as he-holly and the smooth-leaved varieties as she-holly, and superstition claims whichever kind is used in the home for Christmas decoration will indicate whether husband or wife will wear the pants during the forthcoming year!

It is hard for us to realize today that

for many centuries holly has been valued for its medicinal properties.

In former days the juice of the leaves was esteemed as a cure for pleurisy, jaundice, tetanus, smallpox and various afflictions of the eye. Culpepper recommended fomentations made from bark and leaves to mend broken bones.

Even today the leaves of some varieties are dried and used as a substitute for tea. The best known is Ilex paraguensis, a South American holly that grows on the river banks and along small streams.

This has been popularized under the name of Yerba Mate tea, supposedly with valuable tonic properties. The leaves of our common English holly, though, are known to contain the same herbal properties as Yerba Mate, although perhaps not with the same fine flavor, and can be dried and crushed and either mixed with ordinary tea or used as a substitute.

Holly trees come in male, female and hermaphrodite forms. The male trees bear no berries; the females develop berries only when a male tree is nearby to pollinate the blossoms, or when the open blossoms are artificially pollinated with a tomato-setting hormone spray, producing seedless berries.

The hermaphrodite types will set a

good crop of berries even when growing alone, and it is important, when only one tree is to be grown, to purchase this type. Seedlings, while excellent for hedges, are completely unpredictable as to sex and berrying capacity.

The tree we see most often hereabouts is the common English holly, Ilex aquifolium, with prickly pointed leaves and scarlet berries, but there are many variations and sub-varieties available.

A selected strain known as SI-11 is preferred by commercial growers for its reliability and good berry production. Ilex aquifolium pyramidalis, the so-called Dutch holly, is one of the hermaphrodites, producing berries without a mate, but is not so crinkled in the leaf.

The variegated kinds are particularly attractive as Christmas decorations. Golden King is especially fine, with a narrow band of pure gold around the margin of the leaf.

Golden Milkmaid is the reverse, yellow leaves with a margin of green, while Silver Queen has deep green leaves margined with silvery white.

Incidentally, the man who named Golden King and Silver Queen got his sexes crossed. Golden King is a female, while Silver Queen is a berry-less male!

STAN DELAPLANE Recalls Boyhood Christmas

No Santa for Bad Boys!

Here we are once again on the very trembling brink of Christmas. Once, I remember, this was The Longest Day.

It was The Longest Day because it seemed that Christmas would never come. Or anyway, small boys would never live to see it. Not good boys anyway.

In those good days, boys were reined up to Christmas like race horses approach the barrier. All snorting and prancing and being touched up with the jockey's whip.

We were jockeyed by our female kin. Aunts, grandmas, mothers.

The closer The Day, the gooder we had to be.

"Santa Claus doesn't come for bad boys," they said.

And so, reluctantly, we would have to stop whatever we were doing. Whatever it was, it was fun. Whatever we were supposed to do was agony.

We wore the days before Christmas like a hair shirt.

In fact, I got so good that I was afraid I would be snatched to heaven. Before Christmas could get there.

My Sunday school teacher was always reading stories about poppets who were snatched to heaven. Mainly because they were too good. Too good to live on earth.

The ones who were snatched—in the Sunday school stories—were tykes with golden, curly hair. A type I detested but was afraid to say so.

They were cheerful in adversity. Sold papers on the corner and brought home the money to their families.

They carried wood. They did farm chores.

And then one day, they sickened.

youth of my time. Knots in our psyche which are making psychiatrists rich men today. "Snatched to eternity!" cried the Sunday school teacher. He was a young man and seemed to enjoy these stories.

The only drawback was you had to DIE first!

None of us wanted to be snatched that much.

Therefore, it was a problem to approach Christmas. When must be good as gold. Or Santa Claus would pass you by.

At the same time, if you were too good well, you see what it was like.

There was no time I felt in such danger of being snatched to eternity as Christmas Eve day.

I was teetering on the brink. Walking the high wire, Eternity on one side and Santa Claus on the other.

"Santa Claus will certainly be sorry not to come here," said my grandma. "Put down that cat!"

Oh, yes. That was The Longest Day that was. As presents piled under the tree and snow piled on the windows, I was careful to button up my overcoat outside. Most of the kids who were snatched popped off with pneumonia. It was part of the story line.

It was one relief, believe me, to reach Christmas morning and find you had walked away from another near miss.

Funny, nowadays, this seems like The Shortest Day. What with last minute shopping, I am not worried about being snatched for being too good, either.

If I should be snatched these days, the life insurance people would be awfully sorry.

Carol Born Of Despair

Two cold and weary men trudged despondently through the gale-swept streets of the little town of Oberndorf, Austria, one night 116 years ago. They were downcast because their plan for a festive Christmas had been upset by mice which had eaten holes in the bellows of the church organ. So there would be no music.

As the pair walked silently along, leaving St. Nicholas Church behind them, the bitter wind suddenly died and the skies cleared. Looking up at the stars one of the men, Oberndorf's young parish priest, Josef Mohr, 26, sighed . . . "Silent night, holy night . . ."

Still unhappy about the organ, and perhaps a little ironically, Father Mohr walked on a few steps, then added . . . "All is calm, all is bright."

Beside him his friend, church organist and schoolmaster Franz Gruber, heard the words, ran them around for a moment in his musician's mind and an idea came. "Josef," he said, "those are the words for a Christmas carol!"

The two friends went at once to Gruber's home and worked out more verses and music to go with them. It took them the best part of that cold night. They hummed and sang it together—and liked it.

When, on Christmas Eve, the townspeople gathered in St. Nicholas Church to celebrate the birth of Christ, Father Mohr and Gruber first coached and then led them in singing the simple words of praise set to Gruber's flowing and easily remembered melody. The hymn was sung to the accompaniment of a guitar.

That essentially is the story of how the world's best loved Christmas carol was given to the world in 1818.

It was not until about 1830, 12 years after it was written, that the carol spread beyond the Alps and then gradually around the world.

Bible Not a Children's Book

By STUART ROSENBERG

The world's most famous book is perhaps also one of its most misunderstood.

The Bible has been translated into virtually every living national tongue. And yet, it is still treated by many people as a kind of collection of fairy tales, intended for parents to read to children before bedtime. Or, at best, as a subject of religious instruction on the most elementary, childish level.

Indeed, most adults don't think of the Bible as a serious, weighty Book of Life; they think, instead, of Bible stories, imaginative tales which are treated as fantasies, as a popular form of pre-modern fiction.

Yet, history suggests that any book which has stood the test of time and circumstance must surely have more significance than this mere juvenile value.

Essentially, the Bible records the history of an attitude toward life—a spiritual attitude. The Bible is a book intended to make adults of us. For its essential, persistent query is: What is my duty, my responsibility and obligation?

Children, because they are yet children, always ask: What's in it for me? What do I get out of it? This is why the Bible is really not juvenile literature, at all.

One of the great calamities that has befallen the Bible is that it is read by adults to children, as if it were really intended for children. As a result, nobody takes it too seriously, any longer.

Children "outgrow" it as they grow older; they may fondly reflect upon it with nostalgic sentiment, but with the flutter of passing memory, toss its contents clearly out of mind.

But the Bible cannot be read; it must be re-read.

It is written in the "forgotten language" of ethical suggestion and symbolical imagery. While many adults tend to ignore or disbelieve the facts of history, it may describe, they miss the point if they are seeking to find in the Bible a news-report of ancient events.

They won't find news reports, but they may, if they know how to re-read, discover editorial comment on the passing scene—ancient or modern. For, like any great work of art—and the

Bible is a masterfully artistic book—it does not attempt to portray truth merely by depiction.

The truths of the Bible are not very easily susceptible to childish comprehension, for they emerge from the depths of mature understanding, from the hearts of grown men whose insight into the meaning of life surpasses the commonplace.

To the Biblical authors, the real "facts of life" are not merely those events which can be proved by seeing a picture, any more than the artist's conception of nature and its meaning needs to be validated by placing a photograph of the scene by the side of his painting.

"How do you feel about what you are seeing?" and not, "What do you see?"—this is the more important question, for in the end, it helps to provide men with the more important answers to life.

The lines of life are important to observe; but only he who is capable of reading between these lines begins to appreciate the subtleties of human nature. This is the crowning achievement of the mature personality; it cannot be the pastime of children.

And since the Bible is essentially a book which helps us to read between life's lines, it is often wasted on youngsters, who are not quite ready for it. As a result, adults never read it properly, for they are not willing to learn how to re-read it.

All adult education must be linked to programs of re-education; we need to unlearn and re-learn all the time. Unhappily, the Bible will become a forgotten book, unless it becomes a book for adults.

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Astronauts Need 'Weight'

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Before such flights were possible, biochemist Marcel Florin said, "One should first solve this obstacle, perhaps by creating a form of artificial gravity inside the space capsule through rotation."

Florin attacked as "scandalous" a Belgian newspaper report quoting him as saying that Soviet cosmonauts suffered mental disorders as a result of their space flights.

The newspaper, La Meuse, quoted Florin as saying the cosmonauts returned from space in an abnormal state.

"They suffer from brain trouble. They all showed mental anomalies."

He also was quoted as saying that Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova "is actually in a very abnormal psychic state."

But Florin said that "When I made that speech (which La Meuse quoted), I couldn't even remember the woman's name. I have never mentioned her. The whole newspaper report is scandalous. All my words have been misunderstood. The report is a caricature of what I said."

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This means the government will take some of the gold out of Britain's reserves, cast it into sovereigns and then put the gold coins back into the reserves.

Eventually almost all will be sold for dollars or other currencies.

Sovereigns contain nearly a quarter of an ounce of gold and cost about 59 shillings (\$8.85) to make. But in the official currency markets they fetch around 70 shillings (\$10.50). Thus the government will make a profit of about 11 shillings (\$1.65) on each sovereign.

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Soviets Reject Settlement Plan

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — plan on peace-keeping debts, throwing negotiations on the issue into confusion.

The rejection came just hours before the General Assembly was to meet to deal with the question of the Soviet debt and possible suspension of its assembly vote.

Western diplomats were astonished and annoyed by the Soviet move.

"There goes Christmas right up the ruddy spout," one commented sourly.

As late as Tuesday afternoon there had been high hopes that the plan would go through, providing for a "stabilization fund," into which the Soviets, French and other debtors could make payments to make up for their refusal to pay peace-keeping assessments voted by the Assembly.

New instructions from Moscow apparently caused the action, diplomats said.

Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana called in delegates of the Big Four and representatives of regional groupings late Wednesday in hopes that a pre-Christmas settlement could still be reached, but it was not successful.

701 Die

OLYMPIA, Wash. (CP) — Highway deaths in Washington state have surpassed a record 700 this year. The 701st occurred at Tacoma Wednesday.



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Church Doors
Open Wide
Over Holiday

By IAN ARROL

'Tis the season to be reverent as well as jolly and thousands will be attending church services tonight and Christmas Day in the Greater Victoria area.

Midnight mass will be celebrated in Roman Catholic churches throughout Vancouver Island, and mass will be held in these churches on Christmas Day.

At St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Blanshard and View, a choral service will precede midnight mass. At 11:30 p.m. girls from St. Ann's Academy will sing carols and a duo organ recital will be presented by Hugo Spilker and Jack Lenaghan.

Mass on Christmas Day at the Cathedral will be celebrated at 6:30, 8 and 9:30 a.m.; at 12:30 noon and at 5:15 p.m.

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At Anglican churches a choral eucharist will be celebrated at 11:30 p.m. in Christ Church Cathedral, Quadra and Rockland.

The Christmas Eve service in St. John's Anglican, Quadra at Mason, will begin at 11:15 p.m., and in St. Mary's on Elgin Road in Oak Bay at 11 p.m.

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In other Anglican churches the service will be at 11:30 p.m.: St. Matthias', corner of Richmond and Richardson; St. Luke's, Cedar Hill Cross Road and Cedar Hill Road; St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay and Maynard Road; St. Barnabas', Belmont at Begbie; St. Saviour's, corner of Henry and Catherine.

A number of United Churches are holding Christmas Eve services: Esquimalt United, 500 Admirals, at 10:30 p.m.; Cadboro Bay United, 2625 Arbutus, at 7:30 p.m.; Gordon United, 833 Goldstream, at 7:30 p.m.

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At Metropolitan United, 1411 Quadra, a Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held from 11:15 p.m. until midnight.

Victoria Unitarian Church, 106 Superior Street, will hold a half-hour service at 7:30 p.m.

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At 8 p.m. St. Mary's Boys' Choir will sing under the direction of Charles Palmer in the lounge of Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

A special service for the elderly who would like to attend one of the Christmas Eve services has been offered this year by the Citizens' Band Radio Club.

Anyone 65 and up who would like a free drive to and from the church of his choice may arrange for transportation by phoning car club secretary Tom Bennett at 385-4026.

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On Christmas Day, services will be held at 10 a.m. in the Salvation Army Citadel, 757 Pandora; Gordon Head United, 4375 Torquay Drive, and North Douglas Pentecostal Tabernacle, corner Douglas and Canterbury Road.

The Christmas service at Centennial United, Gorge Road at David Street, will be held at 10:30 a.m.

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Services at 11 a.m. will be held in Central Baptist, 833 Pandora Avenue; Gorge Presbyterian, Tillicum Road and Walter Avenue; Fairfield United, Fairfield and Moss; Oaklands Chapel, Fernwood and Cedar Hill Roads; Quadra Bible Chapel, Tolmie and Jackson.

The 11 a.m. service at First Baptist, Quadra at Mason, will be broadcast over CKDA.

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The Lutheran Church of the Cross, Cedar Hill and Cedar Hill Cross Road, will also have an 11 a.m. Christmas Day service, as will Emmanuel Baptist, 1900 Fernwood, and Belmont United, 2033 Belmont.

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Communion on Christmas Day will be conducted in Anglican churches at the following times:

Christ Church Cathedral—7, 8 and 9:30 a.m. (family service); 10 a.m. (James Bay); 11 a.m. (choral eucharist). St. John's—8 and 11 a.m.; St. Mary's—7, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (matins and family service) and 12 noon; St. Matthias—8 and 11 a.m. (family service).

St. George's—9:30 and 11 a.m. (family communion); St. Barnabas—8, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. (evensong); St. Saviour's—8 and 10 a.m.

North Island Covered

Cooler Air, Snow
Likely for City

Victoria is currently resting in a "diluted" area of warm and cool air which is likely to remain for the next few days, said weather forecaster William Mackie Wednesday.

Colder air took a grip on the rest of Vancouver Island, assuring most residents of a white Christmas.

Mr. Mackie said the outlook for the Christmas holiday in Victoria is for cooler weather, and some snow flurries are expected today.

RAW PATTERN

The temperature should be between 25 and 28 degrees today after an overnight low of 29 degrees.

He said Victoria's weather pattern for the past week would likely remain. The city is on the edge of a weather system which is mixing warm Pacific air with cool northern air.

Outside Victoria the southwestern section of the province is still snowed in. Vancouver has 10 to 12 inches of snow and Nanaimo reports 18 inches.

Crews were working full time on Salt Spring Island to clear 200 miles of road covered with three feet of snow.

Coloured RCMP report the Malahat section of the Trans-Canada Highway is in good condition but snow tires or chains are necessary.

Meanwhile, many lower mainland children this year will have a white Christmas, the first since 1951.

SNOW ON GROUND

The Vancouver weatherman predicted a temperature of 32 degrees and snow on the ground for Christmas Day.

More than 27 inches of snow covered parts of the lower mainland Wednesday.

The Rogers Pass was partially blocked by 20 inches of snow earlier, but cars are now moving through the pass in convoys. Army artillery is being used to keep the avalanche threat in the pass area under control.

Telescope's Dome
To Get New Look

Dominion Astrophysical Observatory will have a new look next year when alterations to the 72-inch telescope dome are completed.

Tenders have been called for alterations to the main floor. The old workshop will become an exhibition room where pictures, transparencies and some equipment will be displayed.

Dizzy
Spell

Intersection of Logan Avenue and Harriet Road hosts this sign. The sign painter apparently forgot to include the letter O in the warning.—(Jim Ryan).

Dockyard
Opened
For Tours

The public will be allowed to enter HMC Dockyard to see Christmas lighting on naval ships between 7 and 9 p.m. Boxing Day and Sunday. Persons in cars may follow sightseeing buses on tours of the yard during these hours.

City Students
Study in U.S.

Seven students from Victoria are among the 1434 foreign students from 96 countries who are studying at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., this year.

Attending the university are Joanne and Rodney Kirkham of 1080 Lodge Avenue; Bentley Le Baron, 950 Abbey Road; Joan Hett; Robert Stuart, 1247 Rudlin; William Woodbury; and Harold Bjarnason, 2440 Beach Drive.

Last Cards
In Mail Now

Victoria postal department will see the last of this year's Christmas cards by 9 a.m. today.

"We only have a few left now, and we will see the last of them by the morning," a spokesman said Wednesday.

The last of the Christmas parcels are expected to leave the post office by 8 a.m.

At one point the post office was handling up to 800,000 Christmas cards per day.

Celebration
Alarming

Saanich police answered a burglar alarm call to the Saanich municipal hall Wednesday but found they were not needed although they might have liked to stay.

The office staff was throwing a Christmas party.

Parking Lots Bulge

Better Weather
Crowds Stores

Better weather and easy driving conditions brought out thousands of shoppers for last-minute Christmas buying Wednesday.

Streets were packed with cars and police on point duty at busy intersections were called on many times to rip traffic jams before they started.

Parking lots around the city's major department stores bulged occasionally as the tide of value-seeking shoppers converged on them.

PACKED SOLID

Most stores will close at supper time today.

Last-minute liquor buyers came in for a shock when they arrived downtown at both the Humboldt Street and Government Street liquor stores only to find each packed solid with people having the same idea.

Many appeared to give up the idea and go home but some persistent ones found a parking spot or dropped off a passenger to find a place in the long lines.

NO MAJOR JAMS

All Government liquor stores close at 6 p.m. today.

Moonie
Free
Today

By AL ARNASON

A Saanich man charged with non-capital murder in the rifle slaying of his father last month will spend Christmas with his family.

A bail application for Gary Allan Moonie, 21, was approved late Wednesday in Vancouver by Mr. Justice V. L. Dyer. Bail was set at \$5,000. He was expected to be released sometime today.

The young Moonie was charged by Saanich police with attempted murder after his father, Allan Austin Moonie, was shot in the abdomen in the family home, 170 Hartland, Nov. 28.

CHARGE CHANGED
When the injured man died two days later the charge was changed to non-capital murder.

Vancouver court officials said Wednesday the bail was granted at 4 p.m. after application was made on behalf of defence counsel Hugh McGivern, of Vancouver.

Granting of bail in murder cases is not common but under certain circumstances is permitted when approved by a judge of the Supreme Court.

It was expected the family would have little difficulty raising the bail.

Condition Critical

Electric Shock
Fells Prisoner

A prison inmate knocked from a power pole by electrical shock Wednesday morning was reported still in critical condition in hospital at press time.

Norman Fischer, 43, a qualified electrician, had climbed the pole to replace a light bulb below the cross-arm, said Warden Gamaliel Milner of William Head minimum security institution.

A prison inquiry completed a few hours later indicated there were no eye-witnesses to the accident.

Officials believe the prisoner, a regular member of the prison's electrical maintenance crew, had climbed above the bulb he was to replace and touched a high-voltage distribution line.

He fell about 25 feet to the ground where he was found almost immediately by a prison officer.

Power at the prison was cut instantly by the short-circuit and was kept off until investigation was completed about 90 minutes later.

BELT NOT HOOKED

Fischer was wearing a climber's belt, but it was not hooked to the pole when he was found. Authorities believe the electrician unhooked the belt to climb above a cross-arm into the high-voltage area.

He is believed to have slipped and touched the line.

Warden said investigation had ruled out any possibility of foul play or suicide attempt.

DEFINITE EFFORT

The electrician was due for release from the institution in June, 1966 and "was making a very definite effort to rehabilitate himself," said the warden.

He declined to say what Fischer had been convicted of or the total length of his sentence.



Colleen

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Seen in Passing

Colleen Pecash greeting a customer. (A nurse receptionist, she lives at 395 Inverness. Her hobbies are bowling, dancing and music.) ... Lou Walcott mulling an outstanding sportsman's calendar ... Dave McIntosh locking himself out of his car ... Winston Jackson preparing for a trip ... Jack Moffat looking for a dictionary ... Joyce

Sorensen deciding not to go fishing over the long weekend ... Larry and Betty Ramsby having lunch with friends ... John Thies discussing the UN Club ... Hugh Wade closing shop ... Ella Mae Connor getting stuck ... Claude Lavertie returning home from St. Boniface for Christmas ... Ann Baal visiting her parents ... Ken Clark burning incense.

Blind Victorians
To Tour Lights

The South Van Isle Lions Club will take about 20 blind persons on a motor tour of the city Monday to view the Christmas decorations.

A club spokesman said the decorations would be described to the blind persons, some of whom have partial vision.

About 17 cars will be used to accommodate the guests and their escorts. They will leave from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind about 7 p.m. It is one of the first projects of the recently-formed club.



Helping hands: Elinor Richter, Mary Clarkson

Victorians Play Santa

By IAN ARROL

Generous Victorians have proved there really is a Santa Claus.

Co-ordinating the work of close to 150 organizations, the Christmas Bureau reported Wednesday night that 1,056 needy families have been registered with them—and the community has provided the means to make possible a good Christmas for each.

Chief John Albany of the Songhees Band phoned Wednesday night to say:

"All day I have been delivering 500 Fund cheques and bureau toy vouchers to needy Indian families.

"The people are most joyous and extend greetings to all who

donated and helped so much." The chief said that among those who helped he was most impressed with the children who donated out of their little savings or through school collections.

POPCORN SALE

Two such were Elinor Richter, 11, 1519 Cedar Glen Road and Mary Clarkson, 11, 170 Beach Drive, who brought \$22.03 to The Daily Colonist 500 Fund.

The money was raised through the sale of popcorn in their class at St. Patrick's School.

Dog Meeting Set

The Victoria City Kennel Club will meet at 8 p.m. Jan. 4 in the Dominion Hotel.

Then, 200 young people from Sidney made a donation of \$100 possible to the 500 Fund.

These are the Sidney Teens who were organized by Sidney Elks Lodge in November of last year. The teens have Saturday night dances every two weeks, and from their funds made the donation.

This kind of support was duplicated by that given to dozens of organizations and associations who had their own programs of help to the needy.

They were assisted, as was the 500 Fund, by donations from clubs, chapters, guilds, lodges, auxiliaries, associations and sisterhoods.

Unions, church groups, brownies, guides and social clubs

joined in with old-age pensioners and war veterans.

And Wednesday cheerful thank you cards started arriving from those who the same day had received 500 Fund \$25 cheques.

Motorcyclist
In Collision

A young motorcyclist escaped serious injury Tuesday night in a collision with a car at Richmond and Haultain.

Robert C. Thomas, 20, of 1725 Denman was treated for leg and head injuries at Royal Jubilee Hospital and released.

Police identified the driver of the car as Edgar B. Holmes, 336 Newport.

ANN LANDERS



Dear Ann Landers: The woman who described herself as "A mother who sacrificed everything for her children and received nothing in return" is responsible for my first letter to a newspaper.

It is my observation that these self-styled sacrificing mothers make emotional cripples out of their children. Their favorite theme is, "Look what I've done for you. Now do something for me."

The "sacrificing mom" attaches herself like a barnacle. If a child shakes loose and becomes independent, "sacrificing mom" tries to make him feel guilty for "neglecting" her.

My mother was one of those "sacrificers." It took years of therapy to straighten me out. I vowed if I ever had children I would never make them feel obligated to me. And I've kept that vow. I asked my children for nothing, yet they are attentive, considerate and loving.

Please, Ann Landers, keep telling mothers to live their own lives and leave their children alone. What more can parents ask than that their children are also their friends? NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

Dear No Strings: You have given your children a legacy of straight thinking to hand down to their children. How wonderful for all of you.

Dear Ann Landers: You are no friend to women, believe me. I almost dropped my eyeglasses in my coffee cup when I read your attack on wives who sometimes overlook a missing shirt button. I'm beginning to wonder if YOU have all your buttons, Ann Landers.

It so happens that my husband is an absolute nut about his shirts, so I check them carefully before I place them in the drawer. But what can I do when he puts on a shirt and a button pops off?

Last week it happened twice.

Festive Parties

FULFORD—Planning Christmas parties and family gatherings are the R. Lee family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lee of Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee of Ganage with Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee and members of each family will gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lee for Christmas dinner.

looking at a button whether it's going to be equal to the strain. Please set my husband straight—SWEET ADELIN.

Dear Addie: Sorry. Doll, but you don't need a crystal ball to check a button. All you need is a couple of fingers. When you feel a weak little fella hanging by a few threads, get busy. A stitch in time can save more than nine. It can save a big fat tune teller and I can't tell from



These distinctive Christmas bauble designs combine common pointed paper cups with gay trimmings. Let your imagination work freely if you like these ideas. There's no end to the combinations of fabrics and trims you can create. Make your pattern for covering the cups by cutting a paper cup in half lengthwise. Then place half-cup pattern on folded material and cut around it. You can use scraps of fabric left over from dress-making. For the centre trims, use ribbon, ball fringe, braid, lace — whatever you have. Another idea: wrap the cups in layers of fringed tissue paper in brilliant colors. These imaginative ornaments will give your tree a truly imaginative look. — (Better Homes and Gardens)

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Mrs. H. Faryon Heads Group

Mrs. H. M. Faryon was elected president of Cadboro Bay United Church Women at annual meeting held at Sutton Place home of Mrs. Chris Pike.

Other officers elected were Mrs. F. W. Whitehouse, secretary; Mrs. G. Barnes, treasurer; Mrs. R. A. Peterson, community

phone committee; Mrs. I. Streight, supply and social assistance.

Formation of a new afternoon unit was announced and the first meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Douglas Blackett in January.

Report was made that annual bazaar held in November realized sum of \$510. Following business meeting a social evening took place and featured games and carol singing. Mrs. J. R. Giegerich was in charge of the entertainment. Refreshments were served by Mrs. D. Message.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Cpl. and Mrs. Arthur Dodsworth and their two children, Stephen and Sharon have come from the RCAF base at Holberg, B.C. to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dodsworth, Yale Street, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Wildg. Transit Road.

Visiting in London

Signing the book at British Columbia House in London during the past week was Mr. John Tait of Victoria.

From Vancouver

Miss Eleanor Hanna arrived from Vancouver yesterday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barraclough, Lanadowne Road.

Spend Christmas Here

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gellert (nee Gloria Watson) will spend Christmas with Mrs. Watson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Watson, Ferndale Road. They will leave for their new home in North Carolina on Dec. 28.

In San Francisco

Victorians holidaying in San Francisco who have signed the register at British Columbia House include Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Nicolson and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril LeBus.

In Hawaii

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones are at the Edgewater Hotel at Waikiki for the Christmas and New Year holiday. They expect to return about the middle of January.



Little Sally McKercher isn't too sure what Christmas is all about, but she knows that it is a happy time. Those glittering packages look pretty interesting to her. Sally, who is a 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McKercher of Vancouver, has

been staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McKercher of Montreal, who are wintering in Victoria. The McKerchers took Sally to Vancouver Wednesday to spend Christmas at her home.—(Kinsman)

Heirloom Locket, Bible For 'Something Old'

Maude and white chrysanthemums were on the altar of St. Alban's Anglican Church for the wedding of Margaret Susanne Berg and Mr. Richard Kenneth Telford.

Rev. F. W. Hayes officiated at the late-afternoon ceremony for the daughter of Mrs. L. K. Berg, Sedall, Alta., and the late Mr. Berg, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Telford, Prince George. Mr. Walter Hamilton was organist.

Fulfilling the tradition of "something old" the bride carried an heirloom maroon-toned velvet Bible belonging to her great-great-grandfather and wore a gold locket belonging to her great-grandmother. White gardenias topped the Bible.

Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Karl Berg, the bride was lovely in a floor-length gown of white chiffon velvet featuring a chapel-length train. The bodice was styled with a cowl neckline and three-quarter-length sleeves with wide rolled cuffs. A self-fabric corset caught her floor-length veil.

Burgundy-toned two-piece velvet suits with matching satin corsets were worn by bridesmaids, the Misses Le Vaughn Berg, Longbeed, Alta., and Margaret Hawes, Montreal, P.Q., cousins of the bride. They carried bouquets of white and mauve chrysanthemums.

Four-year-old Cathy Shields was a flower girl for her cousin in a white velvet frock accented with a burgundy satin sash. She wore a white velvet bow in her hair and carried a bouquet of white and mauve chrysanthemums.

Her three-year-old brother, Bobby, was ringbearer. He wore a white velvet suit with a burgundy bow tie.

Mr. Bryan Telford, the groom's brother, and Mr. Kenneth Fotheringham were best men. Ushers were Mr. Kenneth Hawes, the bride's cousin, and Mr. Harrington Berg, her brother.

A three-tier wedding cake topped with white sweetheart roses, centred the head table at a buffet supper that followed in the Monterey Avenue home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hawes. Arrangements of mauve and white chrysanthemums and white chrysanthemums were on the altar of St. Alban's Anglican Church for the wedding of Margaret Susanne Berg and Mr. Richard Kenneth Telford.

Pierce apples with wooden skewers and push into styrofoam form. Hang bangles on wood skewers, add boughs and at the last, string of beads. Velvet bows and pine cones may be added if desired.

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There's still time to make your own tree, using apples and a broom handle.

Make Your Own Festive Tree

Christmas isn't all neon-lit and mass-produced, according to Mrs. Daphne Weber, Highland Drive, West Vancouver, creator of a unique Apple Tree. Christmas is an opportunity for families to express simple ingenuity by creating their own holiday atmosphere, she claims. "There's more happiness in creating Christmas than buying it," says Daphne.

For those who want to share Daphne Weber's Christmas spirit, the apple tree requires little in terms of time, materials and cost.

Material required: 1 - 20" broom handle or 1" round tree stock; 1 medium-size planting pot approximately 12" diameter; 4 dozen apples (Red

Delicious, Golden Delicious and Green Newtown); 1-2" sheet styrofoam 2' x 12" x 22" or chicken wire shaped in a cone; glue or rubber cement; Christmas baubles, beads, etc.; 4 dozen wood skewers; Pebbles—white or sprayed green or red; Small evergreen twigs.

Mark styrofoam sheet in middle of 12" end. Draw line from each opposite corner to this point. Saw or cut lengthwise on this line. You now have a large triangle or cone. At 12" base in the centre, scoop out a groove 1" x 8" for the broom handle.

Glue together uncut sides of the two remaining styrofoam pieces to make the same shape as the 1st tree form. Scoop out sections for broom handle and

glue tree forms together with broom handle in place. Now fix the handle firmly in the pot or urn. (Put in small wood braces on 4 or 5 sides between broom handle and pot.) Add the pebbles.

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Newlyweds to Make Home in Vancouver

Lynne Marie Burger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burger, 1835 Emery Place, became the bride of Mr. Mark John Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Andrews, Grand Falls, Nfld., Wednesday afternoon at a civil ceremony in the Parliament Buildings.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a street-length sheath gown of white satin brocade. A white satin rose held her shoulder-length veil and for "something old" she wore a brooch made from material used in her grandmother's wedding dress. She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses and holly.

Mrs. Zack Konkin, bride's sister, as matron of honor, was in a sheath style dress of midnight blue satin. She wore a matching rose headpiece and carried white chrysanthemums and holly.

Mr. Konkin was best man. A three-tiered cake nestled in white tulle and holly, centred the bride's table for a family dinner at Oak Bay Marina. Following the dinner open house was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Official Visit

The Canadian Daughters' League, Assembly No. 5, were honored by an official visit from the Provincial President, Mrs. J. S. Hull of Kamloops, B.C.

The business meeting was preceded by a turkey dinner, at which special guests were Mrs. E. Granville of Vancouver, Mrs. B. Nelson, Vancouver.

New members initiated during the evening were Mrs. J. Foyer, and Mrs. E. Bown.

For a honeymoon trip up Island the bride changed into a blue double-knit suit and silver beige coat. She wore a blue feathered hat and black accessories.

The newlyweds will make their home in Vancouver.

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TV TALK

By BRUCE LANTIER
TV NOTES: On this day before Christmas—and may yours be merry—the news is less than merry, unfortunately. For example—Madison Avenue says—longtime CBS president James Aubrey will be fired if he doesn't get his ratings back... sponsors are lining up deep for the so-called "sex-lals." Peyton Place is going three evenings a week next spring and Long, Hot Summer begins Friday evenings in April and adds Mondays next fall... Profiles in Courage will run its 26 episodes until May, then quit with only one rerun... in Birmingham, England, George Walters, 71, was charged with trying to murder his wife by connecting an electric wire to a door handle, an idea he got from a TV show. Some news is good. Abe Burrows is writing his first TV series, for Burl Ives... Diana Dors will star as a private eye in a BBC series... National Educational Television Association president Richard Hott will be named by Lyndon Johnson to the U.S. Federal Communications Commission... and Rudy Vallee says he will retire in 1966 when he becomes 65 "and my annuity comes in."

Thursday's Highlights

Christmas carols and other music—Channel 8 at 6:30 p.m., Channel 4 at 7:00, Channel 7 at 11:15, Channels 2 and 7 at 11:30.
Christmas Eve church services—Channel 5 at 11:00 p.m., Protestant from Seattle; Channel 13 at 11:00, Seattle Protestant; Channel 4 at 11:15, New York City Protestant; Channel 11 at 11:45, Tacoma Protestant; Channel 4 at 12:00, Washington, D.C., Catholic; Channel 5 at 12:00, New York City Catholic; Channel 7 at 12:00, New York City Protestant.
7:00 p.m.—KOMO's staff Christmas—4.
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Thursday's Movies

9:00 a.m.—I'll Be Seeing You (1944 romance), Joseph Cotton, Ginger Rogers—4.
11:30—Holiday Affair (1948 romance, part two), Robert Mitchum, Janet Leigh—12.
1:00 p.m.—Mr. Imperium (terrible 1951 musical), Lana Turner, Eric Pinner, Marjorie Main—2.
1:00—Sword of Monte Cristo (1951 adventure)—6,8.
2:00—Submarine Patrol (1938 adventure), Richard Greene, Preston Foster—11.
3:30—Force of Arms (1951 romance), William Holden—5.
3:30—Double Cross (1941 crime drama)—13.
4:30—Gulliver's Travels (fair 1939 cartoon)—11.
5:00—Cockeyed Miracle (1946 comedy)—8.
5:30—Invisible Boy (1957 horror), Richard Eyer—12.
7:00—Pied Piper of Hamelin (1956 TV version), Van Johnson, Kay Starr, Claude Rains—11.
7:00—The Gay Falcon (1941 mystery)—13.
10:00—Miracle on 34th Street (1947 heart-tugger), Edmund Gwenn as Santa in Macy's, with Natalie Wood, Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, a good supporting cast—11.
11:00—Three for the Show (1955 romance), Jack Lemmon, Betty Grable, Marg and Gower Champion—12.
12:00—Light Up the Sky (1960 comedy), Ian Carmichael and his English gang—7.
12:30—Caribbean Gold (1952 adventure), Arlene Dahl, John Payne. Whatever happened to Christmas—2.

Thursday's Radio

7:30 p.m.—Händel's Messiah, live—CBU (690).
7:45—Händel's Messiah, recorded—KLSN-FM (96.5).
11:00—A Christmas carol service from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Toronto—CBU.



Television for Thursday

Programs subject to last-minute changes by station concerned.									
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Youthful Prostitute Sentenced to Month

A Vancouver prostitute who worked Victoria streets for five days was sentenced to a month in jail Wednesday in Victoria magistrate's court.

Christine Thorman, a pretty 19-year-old, was told by Magistrate William Oster she might only slip back into prostitution if her sentence were suspended.

"I dislike sending a defendant to jail for a first offence," said the magistrate, who had just read a pre-sentence report on the girl, "and if any workable plan for rehabilitation were immediately available I would consider a suspended sentence."

He said the short jail sentence would give the girl, whom he described as "deeply involved in prostitution," the opportunity to take advantage of rehabilitation facilities.

She had earned \$230 in five days of operation in Victoria involving 46 customers, police told court earlier.

A drive-in restaurant manager was denied use of his driving licence to take late-working staff home at night after it was suspended in court.

Donald L. Campbell, 23, Garden Park Court, Lowat Avenue, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving Wednesday morning. He had been arrested after a 70-mile-an-hour chase by city detectives through Victoria streets. Detective Lester Clark told court he and a companion had approached the young driver's car on a parking lot at Belleville and Government at about 1 a.m. It left the lot at a high speed before they reached it, said the detective.

In the ensuing chase, which eventually involved several police cars, Campbell's car ran five stop signs and a red light. He was cornered on Opal, a blind street.

Asked by the magistrate why he had sped away from the lot, Campbell said he had a part case of beer in his car "and I didn't want to be fined."

When he asked for use of his licence for business purposes only, Magistrate Oster replied: "No, of course not. It would be absolutely absurd to allow you to drive when you have no more sense of responsibility than that."

Campbell also was fined \$300 on the dangerous driving charge, to which he pleaded guilty.

A 19-year-old Drumheller, Alta., youth who stole a car in Victoria and was later involved in an accident while driving it near Ladysmith, was sent to jail for six months.

Douglas A. Hunter told Magistrate Oster he had been in Victoria only a few weeks and had worked at odd jobs and lived in several hotels before the theft.

City Police Const. Leslie Mothershead testified he had brought the youth back from Ladysmith where a sentence of 14 days in jail for impaired driving had been imposed.

He was sentenced after prosecutor Pete Birkett told court a suspended sentence from an earlier conviction was in effect at the time of the theft.

BIG GEORGE! by Virgil Partch



No Closed Shop

Union Agitators Fail to Sway Santa's Workers

By GARY OAKES

NORTH POLE (Special)—A threatened mass flit-out of elfin toy-makers here was called off early today, ending fears that Santa's Christmas delivery would have to be postponed.

The 5,000 elves at the sprawling S. Claus workshops tore up their "unfair" placards and stayed on their jobs as federal mediator Lyndon B. Elf promised them more parties and less work.

Lyndon emerged from a four-hour, closed fairy tale session with union and management negotiators to announce settlement of the dispute.

A flit-out would have crippled the Christmas operation as elves have been working 'round the clock at peak production to meet the Dec. 24 deadline.

The dispute started when Hal C. Elf's splinter group, Sentinaries International Union (S.I.U.), employed in the sleigh maintenance shop, threatened a full-scale elf-out until after Christmas.

The rebels urged members of the International Association of Kind-Hearted and Hard-Working Elves to join in the effort.

But IAKHWE president Walter P. Elf appealed to the elves to stay on their jobs so children throughout the world would not be disappointed Christmas morning.

"Santa has promised our demands will be met," Walter told a mass union rally.

"Let's not disappoint Santa, the children are more important."

Hal C., however, would have none of this and told the elves not to be "hoodwinked by this Christmas spirit jazz."

"We've had enough of this Ho, Ho, Ho stuff," he said. "Now we want action."

Santa made a brief appearance at the rally to urge the elves to "search your consciences and don't turn your backs on the children."

Hal C. immediately proposed a flit-out vote but it was overwhelmingly defeated.

Traffic Fines

VICTORIA
Alfredo Curvello, 2130 McNeill, leave curb unsafely, \$15.

James Richards, Work Point Barracks, minor no insurance, \$25.

COMING OF AGE

With Sally Hamilton



How long is it since your prescription for glasses was changed? If it seems to you that your eyesight isn't quite what it was and you think you have to accept this dimming vision as one of the penalties of aging, don't! At least, not without having a qualified specialist tell you that you must.

Just getting new glasses may not be enough. An optometrist may assess your reading and seeing ability and, from that, prescribe what glasses you should wear. Most optometrists do an excellent job—as far as it goes. His prime function is to give you glasses if you need them.

But that may not be enough. A medical specialist is needed to pick up early eye disease. An ophthalmologist is a fully qualified doctor who has additional special training in diseases of the eye, their cause and possible cure. Your eyesight is worth every bit of time and money it may cost you to seek his help.

Matthew J., 65, tried on a pair of glasses left by an uncle of his who had died a few months earlier. He was surprised and delighted to discover that he could see better with them than with his own old specs. So, from then on, he wore Uncle John's glasses.

A friend of his, when told of this seeming windfall, came up with one of his own: "That's nothing! I always buy my glasses at the five-and-ten. Last pair cost me \$2 and I can see just fine!"

What folly! Just any old spectacles might do irreparable damage to eyes, whereas, with properly prescribed glasses,

either of these two oldsters would almost certainly see better. Moreover, a routine examination might reveal or prevent serious eye disease.

Glaucoma is one of the most common of eye diseases and is the major cause of all loss of sight. Described in simple terms, glaucoma is raised pressure inside the eyeball. It's like filling a tire too full of air. This causes pressure or pinching of the seeing nerve and, as a result, the vision is dimmed.

An infection or a nervous shock could start it. If you had a parent or close relative who suffered from glaucoma, your chances of having inherited the tendency are high. Unfortunately, you can be nearly blind and beyond help before you notice any symptoms of this disease.

At the same time, a specialist could spot it readily. Occasionally an acute case of glaucoma makes itself known by pain; by seeing halos or rainbows; by redness of the eye or a dilated pupil—but such warnings are not common.

A woman of 60 had trouble getting suitable glasses from the optometrist she had always consulted. She was fussy and difficult and, eventually, the man gave up and referred her to an ophthalmologist. Examination showed she had advanced glaucoma in her right eye.

She said, "It's like looking down a tunnel." That eye, her doctor says, is beyond help. As her other eye is almost normal, she's one of the lucky ones. If she follows the doctor's treat-

ment faithfully, she will likely have useful vision in her left eye as long as she lives.

No matter how good your vision, have an eye examination by a qualified specialist once every two years. Your family doctor will be glad to refer you.

Is TV hurting your eyes? It shouldn't, if a few common sense rules are followed. For a list of suggestions as to how you may watch TV with ease and safety, write Sally Hamilton, in care of this newspaper, enclosing 10c and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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SHOPPING DAYS FOR THE LIGHTER BEER

MOLSON CANADIAN Lager Beer

Foreign Exchange

MONTREAL (CP)—Foreign exchange rates compiled by the Bank of Montreal:

United States (dollar) 1.00, United Kingdom (sterling) 1.00, Australia (sterling) 1.00, Belgium (franc) 23.35 cents, Canada (dollar) 1.00, Denmark (krone) 16.54 cents, France (franc) 20.48 cents, Germany (mark) 24.36 cents, Holland (guilder) 36.00 cents, Italy (lira) 370 of a cent, Japan (yen) 108 cents, Norway (krone) 13.00 cents, Sweden (krona) 20.48 cents, Switzerland (franc) 20.48 cents, Venezuela (bolivar) 20.48 cents.

Calgary Livestock

CALGARY (CP)—Good slaughter steers and heifers were scarce and steady. Cows were steady and no bids were offered.

Choice steers 20.75-21.75, good 18.50-19.50, good heifers 18.50, good cows 17.50 with odd sales higher.

No replacement cattle or stock cut market (was established). No wool was offered and a few medium slaughter calves sold at 14-15. No hogs, some of which were sold Wednesday morning.

Stock were steady. Horses on sale market were unchanged. Horses were steady Tuesday at 17.50. The Calgary market will be closed today.

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Dunsmuir Family

Victoria Author Tells Story Of Ancestors

By IAN ARROL

The latest book by Victoria author James Audain on his industry-building, castle-building Dunsmuir ancestors is being sold this Christmas in California as well as British Columbia.

Alex Dunsmuir's Dilemma tells of Mr. Audain's great-uncle and his enterprises in Nanaimo and Victoria as well as in San Francisco.

Alex Dunsmuir's house in the Bay area is located in Oakland, built to rival his father's Craigdarroch Castle in Victoria.

WEDDING GIFT
The California Dunsmuir House was built by Alex as a wedding gift for Josephine Wallace, mother of the actress, Edna Wallace Hopper. Today

the house is a research conference centre.

"A link with the old days lives today in the person of Alex. Dunsmuir's bookkeeper and right-hand man—82-year-old Walter Gompertz," Mr. Audain said.

Gompertz, who lives in the Bay area, was a principal in a trial affecting the fortunes of Alex Dunsmuir, a trial which started in Victoria in 1902 and continued until 1906.

OAKLAND MAYOR
A foreword to Mr. Audain's book was written by the mayor of Oakland, John C. Houlihan, in which he speaks of the purchase by the city of Alex Dunsmuir's estate.

"One-half the first edition of 2,000 copies has now been sold. A second edition may come out at Easter," Mr. Audain said.

MPs' Wives Successful

Door to Commons Opens for Widows

By JEAN SHARP

Canadian Press Staff Writer
A curious fact of political life in Canada is that if a widow stands for her late husband's seat in a federal by-election she is almost sure to win.

Twice in 1964 widows of MPs were given the nomination, bringing to five the number of occasions on which this situation has arisen. The widows have been successful every time.

In November, New Brunswick elected its first woman MP when it sent the widow of Sherwood Rideout to the Commons for Westmorland. Liberal Margaret Rideout, a mother of three, followed Elnora Jones, elected in June to succeed the late Harry Jones as Progressive Conservative member for Saskatoon.

VACANT SEAT
Jean Casselman, married last August to a Toronto stockbroker and now Mrs. Robert Wadda, set the pattern in 1958 when she won a by-election to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Conservative A. C. Casselman in the Ontario riding of Grenville-Dundas.

Mrs. Wadda is still an MP. Others no longer in the Commons are Margaret Macdonald, who won the P.E.I. seat of Kings for the Conservatives in 1961 after the death of John A. Macdonald, and Isabel Hardie, who captured the Northwest Territories seat for the Liberals in 1962 after Mervyn Hardie's death.

RECORD NUMBER
The result of the two by-election victories in 1964 is that the House of Commons has a record number of women MPs—six. Others are Health Minister Judy LaMarsh, Margaret Komantz and Pauline Jewett.

This constituted an achievement in the Canadian women's campaign for acceptance in areas once reserved for men. And while 1964 perhaps wasn't a vintage year in this respect, it did produce a number of other firsts.

Mrs. Malcolm M. Tail was appointed official reporter of the New Brunswick legislature, a post never before held by a woman in Canada.

The lawyer wife of a lawyer, Mrs. M. J. Batten of Humboldt, Sask., was appointed judge of Saskatchewan's district court, the first woman in Western Canada to receive a federally appointed judgeship.

Yvette Dussault-Mailoux of Montreal became a judge in Quebec's social welfare court, the first woman judge to have jurisdiction throughout the province.

Ada Pritchard struck a blow for women's rights shortly after taking her seat in the Ontario legislature as a Conservative member from Hamilton. She persuaded her male colleagues to abolish a 93-year-old rule barring hatless women from the legislative chamber. Mrs. Pritchard continued to wear a hat herself, however.

GAIN IN QUEBEC
In Quebec, some change was made in the civil code to improve the legal standing of married women. They are still bound by the community system of property allotment which, in Quebec, means the husband is sole administrator not only of joint property but of his wife's property. But legislation passed in June makes some exceptions.

Women now are given responsibility if their husbands are absent or incapable, for example, as a result of mental illness. Wives now may administer property defined by law as their own. And a wife's consent now is required in more cases before her husband may sell or give away joint property.

FIRST MINISTER
Claire Kirkland—Casselman, sponsor of the bill and minister without portfolio in the Liberal government of Jean Lesage, was named minister of transport in November, the first woman to head a department in Quebec.

While women were generally making gains in the political arena, one of the most colorful of them lost out when Charlotte Whitton was defeated in her

fifth (and first unsuccessful) bid for the mayor's chair in Ottawa.

Outside politics, Dr. Helen Hogg of Toronto was elected 73rd president of the 115-year-old Royal Canadian Institute, the first woman to head the scientific honor society.

EIGHTH CANCER
Mrs. Egonoff Frankel, also of Toronto, became the first Canadian to receive a humanitarian award from the U.S. National Institute of Social Sciences. It was in recognition of her 17 years of work in the fight against cancer.

The British Open Highland Dancing championship left Scotland for the first time when 17-year-old Linda Christine Campbell of Toronto won it.

FIRST PRIZE
Joanne Ruth Nichols, now a Grade 12 student in Vancouver, took first prize in an international literary contest sponsored by the Indian government, topping 3,000 entries with a 13,000-word novelette about Renaissance intrigue, written when she was 14.

Mabel Potniak, 23, of Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T., became the first Eskimo registered nurse when she graduated from the Winnipeg General Hospital school of nursing.

14 WOMEN
The woman as a representative of consumer interests received clear recognition in July when the 15-member Council of Consumers was formed under the federal food and drug directorate. Fourteen members are women, most of them representing women's organizations. They are to advise Health Minister LaMarsh on the consumer's point of view in some food and drug matters.

In June the Varner Institute of the Family was initiated at the Canadian Conference on the Family held in Ottawa. The Catholic Women's League was the first group to announce it would raise money to back the institute, which plans to offer scholarships and organize study sessions to consider problems affecting family life in Canada.

Here's How to Reach Emergency Numbers In The Greater Victoria Area Without Delay

Many telephone users in the Greater Victoria area are now dialing "O" for the Operator to connect them with EMERGENCY CALL NUMBERS. Due to exceptionally heavy Long Distance calling during Christmas and Boxing Days, operators may not be able to answer Emergency Calls immediately. PLEASE REFER TO THE INSIDE FRONT COVER OF YOUR VICTORIA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. EMERGENCY NUMBERS ARE LISTED AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE. PLACE YOUR CALLS DIRECT TO THESE NUMBERS AND AVOID DELAY.

Reproduced below is the portion of the inside front cover of your Victoria telephone directory listing EMERGENCY NUMBERS. If your Directory is not handy, please cut out for reference. REMEMBER, to save time, dial Emergency Numbers direct.

EMERGENCY CALLS

VICTORIA CITY			OTHER AREAS		
AREA NAME	FIRE OR INHALATOR	POLICE	AREA NAME	FIRE OR INHALATOR	POLICE
Central Saanich	EV 3-1166	652-2121	Naal Service	EV 2-8445	384-0541
Colwood	EV 3-1166	384-0541	North Saanich	EV 3-1166	384-0541
Ganges	537-2121	537-3555	Sidney	EV 3-1166	384-0541
Gulf Islands		537-3555	Sooke	472-3141	472-5414
Langford	EV 3-1166	384-0541	View Royal	EV 3-1166	384-0541
Metchosin	478-2908	384-0541			

POISON CONTROL CENTRE FOR ALL AREAS

386-3131

B.C. TEL



BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

Appeal to Cabinet

Body Fighting Bus Fare Rise

One of the first organizations to enter the battle against the within 24 days of the PUC decision, Greater Victoria Citizens is still fighting against the increase authorized by the Public Utilities Commission for the appeal.

Urging other groups to make appeals, Mrs. Peaker said that man, said Wednesday the group will appeal the increase to the provincial cabinet.

'Ready for Refits'

The new repair facilities at McKay-Cormack Ltd. shipyard are now in operation, says Capt. George Veres, managing director.

The yard is in the process of completing a \$300,000 modernization and expansion program.

Meetings

● Children's Christmas party, Kiwanis Club of Victoria, Tally Ho, 7:30 a.m.

● Col. J. W. D. Symons, curator of the Maritime Museum, will address the Rotary Club of Victoria, Empress Hotel, 12:30 p.m.

THE EXISTING, NEW ROVEN "2000" FOR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY
Dolphin Motors Ltd.
PANDORA AT QUADRA

The Bay Opens Thursday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



CREPE DE CHINE

Created to surround her in an aura of romance... Crepe de Chine by Mielot. Its delicate fragrance whispers the warmth of love, the excitement of romance. Worn by women of fashion, everywhere. 1/6-oz. \$4



ARPEGE BY LANVIN

A memorable scent that delights any woman, that beckons every man. Arpege by Lanvin is subtle, lingering and oh so desirable. Give her the perfume that's smooth as a pearl, light as a champagne bubble—give her Arpege. 1/6-oz. \$5



CHANT D'AROMES

The new fragrance from Guerlain, reminiscent of fresh flowers and leaves. It's delightfully different, refreshingly potent. Wear it once and he'll never forget. 1/6-oz. \$7 1/2-oz. \$15 1-oz. \$25



MY SIN BY LANVIN

Exotic, mysterious, tantalizing! That's the fascinating fragrance of My Sin by Lanvin. Just a drop does the trick—drives men wild, makes other women wish they were clever enough to wear it. You can't afford not to wear My Sin. 1/6-oz. \$4 1/2-oz. \$8.50



FLEUR DE ROCCAILLE

Caron presents a delightfully complex aroma of those small, fragrant blossoms you enjoy as you pass by... an exquisitely light floral fragrance that lingers from morning 'til night. 1/6-oz. 7.50 1/2-oz. (gift miniature) 12.50 1-oz. 16.50



FEMME PERFUME

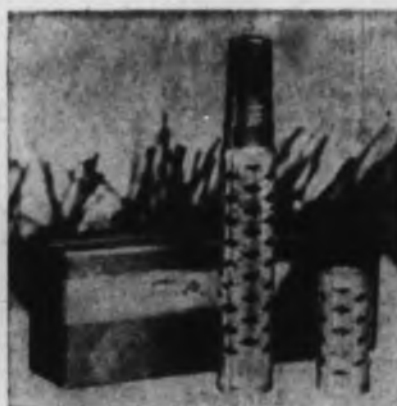
Give a gift of femininity—give Femme perfume by Madame Rives. Always appealing, this scent leaves a lingering memory of outdoors, of flowers, of soft and pretty things. 1/6-oz. purser \$5 1/2-oz. \$9



Choose the fragrance she cherishes the most... have it gift wrapped free of charge while you wait in the Bay's perfume department, main floor.



Purchases made by 3 p.m. Thursday will be delivered the same day in time for Christmas



FLAMBEAU PERFUME

Discover the fiery fragrance of Flambeau by Fabergé. Just a touch and you feel like a different woman... mysterious and exciting. This Christmas, hint to the man in your life that you want to have a fling with Flambeau. 1 dram \$5



CHANEL No. 5

Every woman alive wants Chanel No. 5. It's got the subtle sophistication, the delicate appeal of femininity that women love. Choose the high fashion fragrance with a history of success... choose No. 5 by Chanel. 1/6-oz. 6.50 2 1/2-oz. \$8 1 1/2-dram purser \$2.25



STRADAVARI

Delight her with this invigorating fragrance by Prince Matchabelli. Spicy, woody, fresh and appealing. Stradavari has all the romantic impact she desires in a gift. 1-dram purser 4.50 1/2-oz. 7.50



TABU BY DANA

The forbidden fragrance... that's this provocative perfume by Dana. You'll feel divinely sophisticated when you wear this exotic Oriental scent for the extra special evening. 1/6-oz. 3.50 1/2-oz. 6.50



JOY BY JEAN PATOU

There is only one Joy—the costliest perfume in the world. It's a precious perfume treasure that has reached the peak of perfection in subtle sophistication, in fragrance fascination. Give her the gift with extra special appeal—give her Joy. 1/6-oz. purser 14.50 1/2-oz. \$18



COUP DE FEU

This exquisite burst of fragrance is just like a flash of fire. Created by Margaux, Coup de Feu is a tantalizing blend of exciting aromas that are delightfully desirable, wickedly wonderful. 1/6-oz. 5.50 1/2-oz. 9.75



JE REVIENS

It says "I will return" because it leaves a lasting impression of fascination. When you wear Je Reviens by Worth, you enjoy the essence of being a woman—an exciting woman! 1/6-oz. 5.50



NUIT DE NOEL

Caron has captured the warmth of a fire on Christmas Eve, the spicy scent of Christmas trees, the overall excitement of the holiday season in this exotic floral perfume named, naturally, Nuit de Noël. 1/6-oz. \$15

Smart shoppers know it costs no more at the Bay

Happy Holiday

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say: "MABEL, BLACK LABEL!"

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Quebec Separatist Group May Seek House Seat

QUEBEC CITY (UPI)—Le Rassemblement Pour l'Indépendance Nationale (RIN), Quebec's largest separatist group, may contest one of the two coming provincial by-elections, RIN vice-president Guy Pouliot said here Wednesday night.

Pouliot was commenting on a front-page story in Wednesday's issue of the French-language daily "Le Soleil," which predicted the opposition Union Nationale party would

not contest the by-election in St. Maurice or Terrebonne ridings.

If the RIN does field a candidate, it would be the first time the four-year-old separatist party, which claims membership of 7,000, has gone to the people. It would also test just how strong its appeal was.

The elections, to be held three days before the legislature resumes, will fill vacancies caused by the appointment of an MLA to the bench and the ascension of another one to the legislative council, Quebec's upper House.

Forget Monarchy Levesque Urges

MONTREAL (CP)—Le Devoir quotes Rene Levesque, Quebec resources minister, as saying the British monarchy is "a dusty affair that ought to disappear."

"There is an English section of the country that has much more difficulty than we have in getting rid of the old habits of monarchy."

"But the monarchy and everything that surrounds it is a lot of poppycock that should be disregarded, forgotten, as soon as possible."

West Coast Yards

STILL CHANCE FOR SHIP JOB

By DON GAIN

West coast shipyards have not been ruled out as possible sources of ships in the government's re-equipment program, Defence Minister Hellyer told The Daily Colonist from Ottawa Wednesday.

But there was little reassurance in the defence minister's replies to questions about his stand that the policy of allocating shipbuilding to different yards across the country is the "most inefficient way ever devised by man to build ships."

Regional tendering is the only fair way to handle contracts for the \$200,000,000 shipbuilding program, according to John Wallace, general manager of Yarrow's Ltd.

COMPETITION

"West coast shipyards have a competitive problem they're going to have to look at very closely," Mr. Hellyer said. "They are high-cost yards but they haven't been ruled out."

The shipbuilding program includes four helicopter-destroyer and two fleet support ships, all expected to be built in Canada.

A submarine to replace the Esquimalt-based HMCS Grise, on loan from the U.S. Navy, will probably not be built in Canada, according to an Ottawa report.

MEET HELLYER

Representatives of Canadian shipyards will meet Mr. Hellyer and other government officials next month for a briefing on the shipbuilding program, according to William Hudson, president of the Canadian Shipbuilders and Ship Repairers Association.

Mr. Hudson is vice-president of Burrard Dry Dock, North Vancouver.

The meeting was arranged some time ago, he said, but no date has been set.

WEST COAST

"We expect to get a share of this work on the west coast," he said.

"It is inconceivable," said Mayor R. B. Wilson, "that all the work would be done in the

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Salmon in Street

REDDING, Calif. (AP)—Salmon from the flooded Scott River were seen Wednesday swimming down main street in the northern California town of Callahan.

28 Killed By Storms

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Rain and snow storms that have deluged the western United States for almost a week showed signs of subsiding Wednesday night, giving hope to thousands of flood refugees and stranded travellers that they might be home by Christmas. But flood threats remained.

The storms have taken at least 28 lives.

Along California's north coast an estimated 4,000 were forced from homes or marooned on U.S. Highway 101, main north-south artery, near Eureka.

Fourteen northern California counties have been declared a disaster area.

California had only one storm death because early evacuation warnings were given.

The Oregon toll stood at 10, including a man who died as a new highway bridge was swept away by the flooding John Day

River. More than 1,000 left their homes in the Kelzer residential district of Salem, Oregon's capital, as the Willamette River climbed 10 feet above flood level and swamped the district.

At Portland, Ore., the Willamette was expected to go nine feet above flood level on Christmas Day. At that level some docks are under water and businesses and homes along the river are flooded.

Two passenger trains with more than 500 persons aboard were pinned between slides near

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Spurns U.S. Assistance

Nasser Admits Aid To Congo Rebels

Robarts Wants Ensign To Be Ontario's Flag

TORONTO (CP)—Premier Robarts said Wednesday he will ask the legislature to approve the Red Ensign as Ontario's flag.

The only change to the Ensign would be the addition of the Ontario coat of arms, Mr. Robarts said.

Flaming U.S. Bomber Destroys Two Homes

DEBARY, Fla. (AP)—A U.S. Navy twin-jet bomber exploded in flight Wednesday and crashed into a quiet residential street with a tremendous concussion and a ball of fire that destroyed two homes and damaged others hundreds of feet away.

The pilot, Cmdr. Cornelius V. Nolta Jr., father of six, parachuted out at low level and was killed. The bombardier-navigator, Lieut. Paul Stokes, 35, suffered a back injury in the last-minute bail-out.

But only one person in the homes was hurt. Another was badly burned.

The reconnaissance bomber

crashed between two houses and dug a crater 75 feet wide and 35 feet deep. It disintegrated, with not a piece over three feet.

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Ticker Tape Parade

Hustle and bustle of Toronto Stock Exchange took on festive tone Wednesday when Salvation Army musical group visited floor of exchange for brief program of Christmas songs. Trading continued normally, but musicians drew applause.—(CP)

Saigon Leaders Squabble As Country Burns

By SPENCER DAVIS

WASHINGTON (AP)—State Secretary Dean Rusk Wednesday called on South Viet Nam's military leaders to set aside personal rivalries and join with their civilian government in fighting off Communist invaders.

Khanh Plans Protest

SAIGON (AP)—Plans for an anti-American campaign that might include street demonstrations, have been laid before South Viet Nam's military hierarchy by Lt.-Gen. Nguyen Khanh in the dispute over civil rule, informed sources said Wednesday night.

Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor, who is in his sixth month as the U.S. envoy to Saigon, was described as potentially a specific target.

No immediate reaction was evident among feuding South Vietnamese factions to U.S. State Secretary Rusk's call in Washington for shelving of personal animosities.

In his first formal press conference since Oct. 8, Rusk brushed aside the criticism of U.S. Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor in Saigon.

"We shall back him in every possible way," Rusk said.

Rusk thus replied to Lt.-Gen. Nguyen Khanh, commander of the South Vietnamese armed forces, who said in an interview for Taylor "does not act more intelligently, the U.S. will lose Southeast Asia and we will lose our freedom."

Rusk said the U.S. seeks to impose no particular detailed pattern on the South Viet Nam government.

SEMI-COUP

A weekend semi-coup by South Viet Nam military leaders dissolved South Viet Nam's High National Council and brought the civilian government under direct military influence.

Taylor's efforts to restore civilian control have brought him into conflict with the rebelling South Vietnamese generals.

Rusk, speaking against a background of the crisis this created, said a unified government effort "would be worth many, many divisions" of troops and would open the way to a more prompt solution of South Viet Nam's severe problems.

Popular Soviet Resort

The Merry Minsk Drunk Ward

MOSCOW (AP)—The government newspaper Izvestia implied Wednesday that one of the most popular vacation spots in the Soviet Union is the drunk ward of a hospital in Minsk.

Under the headline "The life

of sober drunkards," Izvestia complained that phoney alcoholics have turned hospital wards into resorts and, at the same time, get paid.

Furthermore, Izvestia said, they don't even have to give up

The article centred on the hospital in Minsk. But it said similar conditions prevail in other regions, Izvestia said, plays drunk and gets admitted once a year for a rest of a month or more.

Izvestia gave these reasons for the long waiting list: Free hospital food, including ample second helpings. Warm rooms, clear light, radio and television sets, chess, dominoes and a large supply of books available.

More than 30 hospital workers to provide service.

Patients, under the Communist system, are treated free by the state. In addition, patients get certificates from doctors which allow them to collect their regular salaries.



Town Full of Mud

Mud and boulders swept in by floodwaters covered entire section of isolated town of Rufus, Ore., Wednesday. Debris littered town when water flooded from normally dry canyon at

upper left and washed out bridges to cut off town of about 800. Water system broke down and most of town was without electricity.—(AP)

Smash-Grab Theft Near Police Office

ALBERNI—Police are investigating the smash-grab theft of three transistor radios and a tape recorder from a downtown store within a block of the Alberni RCMP detachment office.

Total value of the loot from Alberni Electric was about \$214. A front window of the store was smashed and the items were lifted from a window display.

Alberni's Beaver Creek

School Story: Mice, Crises

By MARGARET TREBETT

ALBERNI — Two pioneers, a portrait of Queen Victoria, mice and crisis after crisis are milestones in the educational history of the rural Beaver Creek area, which is getting a modern, bright and well-equipped new school.

The history began Aug. 1, 1887, when the first pupils walked over forest trails to a log schoolhouse 15 feet wide by 21 feet long, took their places on wooden benches and were called to order by Arthur Proctor.

The school had been erected that spring and summer by pioneers Capt. George Huff and Edmund Gill, who helped in many ways to build the institu-

tions and lay the foundation for the present way of life in the Alberni Valley.

Mr. Proctor, the first public school teacher in the valley, taught three days a week in the one-room Alberni school near the site of the present Gill Elementary.

Then he walked or went on horseback to Beaver Creek to conduct classes each Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Farmer Gave Acre

He remained in the district until 1890 when he went to McGill University to become a doctor, settling later in Vancouver.

Oldtimers believe Charles F. Bishop, the farmer who gave an acre of land for the Beaver Creek school site, succeeded Mr. Proctor for some months until Miss Annie E. Green was appointed.

There were 11 names on the register when the school opened in 1887. One was that of Bertha Nicholas, 9, who lived nearby and attended the Alberni school. She went on the roll and marked present for nine days in Beaver Creek to bring the average attendance to the level required for a school.

For the next 35 years, crisis followed crisis as each term saw

the danger of closure of the school because of a pupil shortage.

Etta Nicholas once filled the same function her sister had. Robert Dickson was enrolled in October, 1890, when he was only four.

Several youngsters who had completed the courses were kept on the register and sometimes actually attended school. When Alexander Shaw was the teacher, he brought three of his grandchildren from Nanaimo to keep the school open.

The first class included Heman Halpenny, Douglas McKenzie, Simon McKenzie, Fred Waring, Robert Waring, Harry Waring, Septimus Waring, Mary Halpenny, Margaret McKenzie, Annie Bishop and Bertha Nicholas.

First Sunday School

As far as is known, only Annie Bishop, now Mrs. Pillar of Victoria, is living today.

John S. Jolly, a young farmer on land now occupied by the Shannon family, succeeded Miss Green as teacher. He held the first Sunday school in Beaver Creek.

Miss Edith DeBou probably started her teaching career here. She taught in various parts of B.C. and lived to a ripe old age.

Miss Ethel Dunkerly was not yet 18 when she came in 1892 to take over the class. She taught for four years, married district farmer Stanley Bayne and, a great-grandmother now, lives at Sprout Lake.

Frame Replacement

Mr. Shaw was the last teacher in the log building and the first in the one-room frame school which replaced it.

A self-taught man, he was farming on Gabriola Island for his family of nine children when

he built a rowboat and rowed alone to Victoria to take his first teacher-qualification exam.

Before 1899, he instituted the first electric power plant in the Nanaimo area. It was after losing his investment in that venture that he taught at Beaver Creek, starting while in his late 60s.

He remained until 1906, then took over school board duties until returning to Nanaimo in 1913.

Mr. Shaw is remembered as a lay preacher who also operated the post office, raised pigs and kept a garden.

Former pupils long remembered the portrait of Queen Victoria which hung at the front of the schoolroom for 20 years after her death in 1901.

They also recall the organ with mice in its interior, the snowball fights in the schoolyard, the picnics and concerts and the pails of water carried from Beaver Creek and placed with the dipper on the bench in the hallway.

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Five Die In Crash

MONTREAL (CP)—Five persons on the way to work, including a brother and two sisters, were killed Tuesday in a car-truck crash at the beginning of

Christmas Magic Belongs to Very Young

Bang! Crash! Santa Fell in Tub

Christmas could not pass on the pages of The Daily Colonist without a special story by Bea Hamilton, Island's special story writer, about what most adults will do in front of the true Christmas morning—look back to the golden years of youth.

By BEA HAMILTON

It was the night before Christmas and, by all tradition, it should have been calm and expectant with stockings hanging and happy children's voices singing carols.

Well, there was a child's voice all right—mine. And it wasn't happy nor was it singing.

In fact, I was raising a fuss because I had heard my big brothers remark they were going to set a trap for Santa by leaving a tub of water at the foot of the stairs.

Agonizing Din

I made an agonizing din and, when my brothers saw and heard my distress, they promised they would leave Santa to wend his way as usual.

He would pick up his apple and a piece of Christmas cake, left ready on the kitchen table, and ho ho ho his way over the chimney tops after leaving our stockings bulging.

Feeling I had saved Santa, I was just to bed and told to go to sleep or Santa wouldn't come. My stocking hung comfortably near and I kept feeling it to see if it had been filled.

Now, our old home boasted no plumbing or lighting beyond the old oil lamps.

To have a bath, members of the family took turns, heating water in the large boiler at-

tached to the old kitchen range (an 1870 Mayflower), a huge thing which took up a good part of the large kitchen-living room, and also by pots of water heating on the stove.

This Christmas Eve, one member of the family decided to wait until all had gone to bed before having a bath. Then the round washtub, the largest one could buy, was brought in from the

pantry and placed beside the comforting warmth of the old Mayflower.

Anxious Child

I was a worried little girl—would Santa Claus come and catch my sister in the bath? I wasn't worried about my sister's feelings but I didn't want Santa shocked—he might never come near us again.

Finally about 11:30 I dozed off, and then I heard:

Bang! Crash! Santa had fallen into the tub!

I reached out fearfully to touch my stocking and, wonder of wonders, Santa had filled it before he fell into the water.

All was well and I hugged my stocking and listened sleepily to the sound of a door shutting, footsteps going . . . going . . .

I could hear all the reindeer . . . and then I was gone into dreamland.

My excited tale next morning brought fresh bursts of laughter from my teasing brothers. Santa didn't fall in any tub; it was only my sister putting the tub back into the pantry.

I was relieved. I had heard Santa going away, dry. He had even taken the red apple and plum cake.

Absolute Proof

Oh, yes, a little girl knows lots of things big brothers don't know. She hears the tiny hoofs and the big, warm chuckle of Santa and she has absolute proof in her stocking filled with things no one in the family ever thought of—even fruit with a distinctive North Pole flavor.

So I thought many years ago, and today, if I could have a Christmas wish, I'd wish that every little child could have the magical Christmas that is the rightful heritage of the very young.

The Babe in the manger, peace on earth, Santa and his

tiny reindeer—all fancies and myths if you like, and also thrilling mysteries of things hard to understand.

I'd stretch the longest night in the year, Christmas Eve, to even longer hours, for these are the things no little child should miss if he or she wants to grow up to be an understanding man or woman.

And no adult can understand a child until he has enjoyed the unique sensation of believing in the unbelievable, as only a tiny child can.

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Bea Hamilton prepares for another Christmas

Around the Island

Trustees Honored

COURTENAY—Presentations to two retiring members of the Courtenay district school board were made at the board's recent Christmas dinner meeting in Bevan Lodge.

Trustee Jack Nicol made the presentations to board chairman James Siman, who has served nine years, and Gunner Johnson, a 10-year trustee. In a brief business session, the board approved preliminary plans for Glacier View school additions for submission to the provincial education department.

NANAIMO—Robert Rush has been remanded without plea to Wednesday in magistrate's court on two charges of shoplifting. Magistrate Lionel Beevor-Potts, who set bail at \$50, told Rush is charged with stealing a pinup calendar from the Nanaimo News Stand and two pairs of women's panties from Woolworth's store.

PARKSVILLE — W. W. C. O'Neill has been re-elected president of the Parksville Old Age Pensioners Organization at its annual meeting. Other officers are C. W. R. Atwood, secretary; treasurer: E. J. Tucker, first vice-president; S. V. Davis, second vice-president, and Mrs. E. J. Tucker, Mrs. T. Cartie, Mrs. V. Anderson, Mrs. A. Ayliffe, Tom Hannam and J. W. Whitfield. Next regular meeting will be held Jan. 8.

DUNCAN — The 1965 slate of officers for the AOTS Club here will be installed Jan. 23, club

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Nanaimo: Wonderland for Children . . .

Snow means a winter wonderland to some, just plain work to others. Contrasting Nanaimo area photographs show, above, mother and child out for a walk in Government Road area and, below, city

works crew removing snow near Bastion Street bridge. Provincial highways department men clear main roads while city gets rid of snow.—(Agnes Flett)

. . . But Just a Job for Snow Men



Tahsis Co. Foreman

Former Port Man Drowning Victim

PORT ALBERNI — A man reported missing and presumed drowned in Tahsis Inlet Monday has been identified as Jim Olsen, a foreman at the Tahsis Co. sawmills here for many years who moved to Tahsis only last fall.

Information received by his relatives here states Mr. Olsen was trying out his boat with Arthur Whitlock, another former Alberni district resident, when he fell overboard.

Mr. Olsen transferred to the company's Tahsis Inlet operations when the local plant was closed at the end of September. Born in Washington state, he

would have been 49 Boxing Day. He spent almost his entire life in the Albernis.

Mrs. Olsen has returned here to be with the relatives while the search continues for her husband's body.

ONE CHILD

His family includes his wife Correen; daughter Roberta, 13; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Olsen, Burde Street; two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle (Wayne) Old, Alberni, and Mrs. Lillian (Bob) MacKenzie, central B.C., and two brothers, Albert and Fred, Vancouver.

Another brother, Robert, was killed in a Deas Island tunnel construction accident.

Plane Helps Santa With Christmas Gift

A high-flying Santa plane will land at Sibbell Bay Indian Reserve on Thetis Island this morning with part of a 4,000-pound Christmas present.

At the controls of the aircraft will be William Sylvester of Victoria Flying Services, who has donated an airplane to fly 600 pounds of clothing to the Indian children on Thetis and Kuper Islands.

Jonquiere Wins Proficiency Title

Winner of the 1964 Pacific Command anti-submarine proficiency competition for ships of the fourth Canadian escort squadron is HMCS Jonquiere. Runnerup is HMCS Beacon Hill.

The navy will ship the rest of the clothing and food to the islands next week.

The 4,000 pounds of clothing is the result of a three-day campaign which was started by a Sidney man, J.D. Fraser of 11050 Heather.

Mr. Fraser said Wednesday not all of the clothing is cast-offs. A dry goods store in Sidney donated several boxes of new clothing.

WARM RESPONSE

"The response has been really wonderful," Mrs. Fraser said. "A lot of people have said they would have helped long ago but they didn't know where to send the clothing."

Two prominent women, who asked not to be identified, have told the Frasers they will continue to assist the Indians throughout the year.

Seiner Crew Lost

RCAF Helicopter Rescues Hungry Men

COMOX — Seven Nanaimo loggers were among nine men rescued Tuesday by an RCAF Station Comox helicopter, it was learned Wednesday.

The CH-113 Voyager helicopter, only recently attached to 121 Search and Rescue Unit, left Comox at 10:48 a.m. Tuesday on another job—to search for a seiner which had disappeared on a trip from Ocean Falls to Bella Bella.

It found the wreckage of the seiner and its skiff at 1 p.m., returned to Comox, and was then asked to get in touch with two logging men who were reported out of food at a construction

project on Kwatna Inlet, 300 miles northwest of Vancouver. The copter crew went to the scene to find the seven Nanaimo loggers and two construction men.

They had been working on a project for McPhail Construction Co. of Vancouver and were to have been taken out Dec. 16 when the project closed for the winter. But the company's aircraft could not land because of bad weather.

Rations All Eaten

The loggers were Mervyn Leenabak, 23, Len Larose, 23, Andy Poje, 40, Pete Mieraz, 29, Ole Skaalid, about 40, Darryl Perrin, 17, and Alex Honeyman, 63.

The construction workers were Ray Telford, 37, of Surrey, and Tom Truffitt, about 27, of Vancouver.

Mr. Leenabak said the two McPhail Co. men and he and the other Kwatna Logging Co. men had eaten all the rations left at the camp for the McPhail men, who were to have stayed all winter as watchmen.

"It all went in six days and Tuesday we were down to eating toast," he said. "We had a rifle and thought we'd try to shoot some geese . . . there wasn't any bigger game in the area."

The copter flew the nine men to Port Hardy, where they sat down to a big meal and topped off their return to civilization with a drinking party.

The wreck of the 38-foot seiner Westerly and its skiff were sighted on Denny Island in Dean Channel, a part of Kwatna Inlet.

There was no trace of survivors and officials feared its occupants, skipper Butch Windsor, Paul Gladstone and Nancy Campbell, had perished. They are Bella Bella residents.

Courtenay Court

COURTENAY—"We must get you out of the country immediately," Magistrate John Ryland told American citizen Donald Melby in magistrate's court Tuesday.

The magistrate asked the Crown to notify the immigration department to remove Melby from this country as soon as his sentence is served.

Melby was sentenced to a total of 30 days after being convicted on two charges of false pretences with intent to defraud and changing his plea to guilty on a similar charge.

BAD CHECKS

Court was told Melby wrote a \$93.25 cheque to Courtenay; Auction Sales, and cheques for \$5

each to the Arbutus Hotel and Jet Holdings.

It was also stated Melby had previous convictions in Alert Bay for vagrancy and willful damage.

Melby, an American citizen without status in Canada, told the court he came here with a U.S. company. When the work was finished he decided to remain, as he liked it here and he had applied for Canadian citizenship.

WOMAN REMANDED

Mrs. Vera G. Mark was remanded to Jan. 5 for a pre-sentence report after conviction for theft under \$50. Police said she was found to have a \$6.66 wristwatch and \$1.50 worth of lingerie in her shopping bag, after being in Steedman's store.

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Cheer Fund Aids Needy

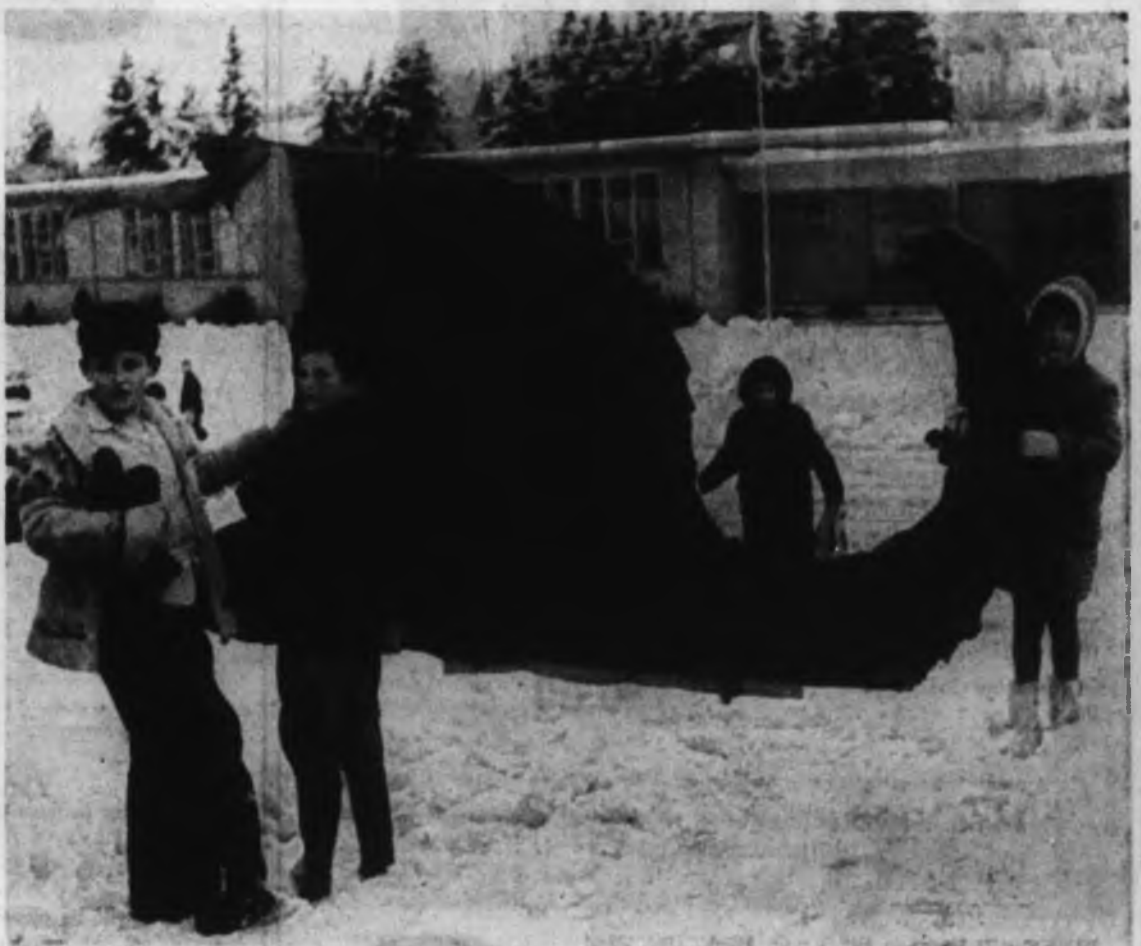
DUNCAN — Cowichan Christmas Cheer Fund campaign is over for another year.

Service clubs and fraternal organizations packed and distributed 160 hampers of food and toys for needy families. In addition, 80 patients in rest homes were given gifts and more than 30 elderly Chinese received individual hampers.

City Students Study in U.S.

Seven students from Victoria are among the 1,454 foreign students from 96 countries who are studying at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., this year.

Attending the university are Joanne and Rodney Kirkham of 1090 Lodge Avenue; Bentley Le Baron, 950 Abbey Road; Joan Hett; Robert Stuart, 1247 Rudlin; William Woodbury; and Harold Bjarnason, 2440 Beach Drive.



'Little Kidnappers' Make Sure of Santa

Making sure Santa Claus will come to their homes tonight are Nanaimo district residents Brian Peters, left, and Brent Longden. They received help of

many friends, including unidentified friends at right, while taking Santa sleigh home from Fairview school as "ransom."—(Agnes Flett)

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Quebec Separatists May Contest Seat

QUEBEC CITY (UPI)—Le Rassemblement Pour l'Indépendance Nationale (RIN), Quebec's largest separatist group, may contest one of the two coming provincial byelections. RIN vice-president Guy Pauliot said here Wednesday night.

Pauliot was commenting on a front-page story in Wednesday's issue of the French-language daily "Le Soleil" which predicted the opposition Union Nationale party would

not contest the byelection in St. Maurice or Terrebonne ridings.

If the RIN does field a candidate, it would be the first time the four-year-old separatist party, which claims membership of 7,000, has gone to the polls. It would also test just how strong its appeal was.

The elections, to be held three days before the legislature resumes, will fill vacancies caused by the appointment of an MLA to the bench and the ascension of another one to the legislative council, Quebec's upper House.

STILL CHANCE FOR SHIP JOBS

By DON GAIN

West coast shipyards have not been ruled out as possible sources of ships in the government's re-equipment program, Defence Minister Hellyer told The Daily Colonist from Ottawa Wednesday.

But there was little reassurance in the defence minister's replies to questions about his stand that the policy of allocating shipbuilding to different yards across the country is the "most inefficient way ever devised by man to build ships."

Regional tendering is the only fair way to handle contracts for the \$200,000,000 shipbuilding program, according to John Wallace, general manager of Yarrows Ltd.

COMPETITION

"West coast shipyards have a competitive problem they're going to have to look at very closely," Mr. Hellyer said. "They are high-cost yards but they haven't been ruled out."

The shipbuilding program includes four helicopter-destroyers and two fleet support ships, all expected to be built in Canada.

A submarine to replace the Esquimalt-based HMCS Grilse, on loan from the U.S. Navy, will probably not be built in Canada, according to an Ottawa report.

MEET HELLYER

Representatives of Canadian shipyards will meet Mr. Hellyer and other government officials next month for a briefing on the shipbuilding program, according to William Hudson, president of the Canadian Shipbuilders and Ship Repairers Association. Mr. Hudson is vice-president of Burrard Dry Dock, North Vancouver.

The meeting was arranged some time ago, he said, but no date has been set.

WEST COAST

"We expect to get a share of this work on the west coast," he said.

"It is inconceivable," said Mayor R. B. Wilson, "that all the work would be done in the east."

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Salmon in Street

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — Salmon from the flooded Scott River were seen Wednesday swimming down main street in the northern California town of Callahan.

28 Killed By Storms

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Rain and snow storms that have deluged the western United States for almost a week showed signs of subsiding Wednesday night, giving hope to thousands of flood refugees and stranded travellers that they might be home by Christmas. But flood threats remained.

The storms have taken at least 28 lives.

Along California's north coast an estimated 4,000 were forced from homes or marooned on U.S. Highway 101, main north-south artery, near Eureka.

Fourteen northern California counties have been declared a disaster area.

California had only one storm death because early evacuation warning was given.

The Oregon toll stood at 10, including a man who died as a new highway bridge was swept away by the flooding John Day

River. More than 1,000 left their homes in the Keizer residential district of Salem, Oregon's capital, as the Willamette River climbed 10 feet above flood level and swamped the district.

At Portland, Ore., the Willamette was expected to go nine feet above flood level on Christmas Day. At that level some docks are under water and businesses and homes along the river are flooded.

Two passenger trains with more than 300 persons aboard were pinned between slides near

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Spurns U.S. Assistance

Nasser Admits Sending Arms to Congo Rebels

Robarts Wants Ensign To Be Ontario's Flag

TORONTO (CP)—Premier Robarts said Wednesday he will ask the legislature to approve the Red Ensign as Ontario's flag.

The only change to the Ensign would be the addition of the Ontario coat of arms, Mr. Robarts said.

Flaming U.S. Bomber Destroys Two Homes

DEBARY, Fla. (AP)—A U.S. Navy twin-jet bomber exploded in flight Wednesday and crashed into a quiet residential street with a tremendous concussion and a ball of fire that destroyed two homes and damaged others hundreds of feet away.

The pilot, Cmdr. Cornelius V. Nolte Jr., father of six, parachuted out at low level and was killed. The bombardier-navigator, Lieut. Paul Stokes, 35, suffered a back injury in the last-minute bail-out.

But only one person in the homes was hurt. Another was badly burned.

The reconnaissance bomber

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser said Wednesday that Egyptians would tighten their belts and spurn further United States aid rather than tolerate what he called American interference in Egyptian affairs.

He charged the U.S. with aggression in the Congo and, for the first time, admitted the United Arab Republic was sending arms to the Congo rebels.

"We will continue to send arms to the Congo," he declared.

ECONOMIC PRESSURE

Accusing U.S. Ambassador Lucius Battle of trying to put economic pressure on Egypt, Nasser said: "We do not accept pressure from anyone."

He told his cheering listeners the Egyptian people could tighten their belts to preserve their independence.

"If the Americans want to give us aid at the price of dominating our policy, I say we are sorry. We are ready to cut our rations and minimize our daily consumption to keep our independence," he said.

"American and Belgian forces landed in Stanleyville and killed the people with their arms and we are against this killing," he said. "We cannot recognize (Premier Moise) Tshombe as the legitimate representative of the Congolese people."

"We have sent arms to the Congolese rebels and we will continue to send arms."

Ticker Tape Parade

Hustle and bustle of Toronto Stock Exchange took on festive tone Wednesday when Salvation Army musical group visited floor of exchange for brief program of Christmas songs. Trading continued normally, but musicians drew applause.—(CP)

Transport Plane Crashes With Three Men

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (UPI)—A four-engine Flying Tiger Airline's cargo plane with three men aboard crashed into the San Bruno Mountain early today, the U.S. Federal Aviation Agency reported.

An agency spokesman did not know the number of men aboard the cargo craft or if there were any survivors.

He said he presumed the only persons aboard the plane, Flight 915 out of San Francisco, were its three crew members.

The FAA air route traffic control centre at Fremont, which was in direct communication with San Francisco Airport, said the crash occurred minutes after the plane took off.

The aircraft was going to John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, an FAA spokesman said. "It took off at 12:29 a.m. and left the (radar) scope almost immediately."

San Bruno police said the Super Constellation apparently exploded after flying into the mountain above County Jail Road.

There are no houses or buildings in the crash area.

Police switchboards were flooded by calls from persons who heard the explosion.

"We thought it was an earthquake at first," one officer said.

Police said the explosion threw pieces of wreckage over a wide area with some persons reporting debris in their yards as far as a half mile away.

Khanh Plans Protest

SAIGON (AP)—Plans for an anti-American campaign that might include street demonstrations have been laid before South Viet Nam's military hierarchy by Lt.-Gen. Nguyen Khanh in the dispute over civil rule, informed sources said Wednesday night.

Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor, who is in his sixth month as the U.S. envoy to Saigon, was described as potentially a specific target.

No immediate reaction was evident among feuding South Vietnamese factions to U.S. State Secretary Rusk's call in Washington for shelving of personal animosities.

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